

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (lead agency)</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon, MTS Grants Administrator</p> <p>Address: 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p> <p>Telephone: 619-557-4575</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: Click to enter address</p>	

<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>Electrification of the Kearny Mesa Division, Phase 1</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
<p>3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p>	<p>4630 Ruffner Street, San Diego, 92111. The project location is depicted on the attached map.</p>
<p>4. (a) Project Location – City: City of San Diego</p>	<p>(b) Project Location – County: San Diego</p>
<p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>On June 15, 2023, MTS’ Board of Directors accepted the 2023 Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Award for the Zero Emission Transit Enhancement 2.0 Project, which includes the Electrification of Kearny Mesa Division, Phase 1 (“Project”). The Project will provide overhead electrical chargers for the first 30 Battery Electric Buses (BEB) at this MTS owned and operated facility to support MTS’ transition to a zero-emission fleet by 2040. The Project will involve installation of new 12kV electrical service including all transformers, switchgear, and distribution; gantry style overhead charging structure, equipment, and chargers to allow charging up to 30 buses; backup CNG generator and</p>

	<p>battery storage to provide redundancy for bus charging; and all necessary civil improvements, trenching, and concrete paving.</p> <p>The Project will increase transit ridership and improve passenger safety and efficiencies, providing a direct and meaningful benefit to disadvantaged and low-income households/communities. The Project will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve transit service.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit Agency</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit Agency</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<p>Class 1, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15301 (existing facilities)</p> <p>Class 3, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15303 (new construction or conversion of small structures)</p>
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	<p>Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21080.25(b)(5) and (b)(7) (transportation project exemptions and criteria)</p> <p>Pub Resources Code, § 21080(b)(10); 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15275(a) (specified mass transit projects)</p>
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is statutorily exempt from environmental review under Public Resources Code section 21080.25, subdivisions (b)(5) (construction or rehabilitation of existing operations facilities for zero-emission buses in an urbanized area) and (b)(7) (maintenance, repair, relocation replacement, or removal of any utility infrastructure associated with this type of project). The Project is further statutorily</p>

	<p>exempt from environmental review under Public Resource Code section 21080, subdivision (b)(10) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15275, subdivision (a) as it will increase passenger or commuter services on rail lines already in use, including the modernization of existing stations and parking facilities.</p> <p>The Project is categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1) as a transit improvement project consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use and State CEQA Guidelines section 15303 (Class 3) because it consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures.</p> <p>In compliance with the statutory exemption in Public Resources Code section 21080.25, subdivision (c), the Project would be carried out by MTS as the lead agency under CEQA for the Project, located in an urbanized area, and located on or within an existing public right-of-way; would not add physical infrastructure that increases new automobile capacity on existing rights-of-way except for minor modifications needed for the efficient and safe movement of transit vehicles; would not require the demolition of affordable housing units; and would not exceed fifty million dollars (the estimated cost of the project is \$15,165,000). With a construction cost exceeding \$1,000,000, the project will be constructed by a skilled and trained workforce or, alternatively, under a project labor agreement as set forth in section 21080.25, subdivision (f).</p>
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10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Kena Teon, MTS Grants Administrator 619-557-4575
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. Not Applicable to Project	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable to Project	
13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: June 15, 2023	

 Signature

Date: June 21, 2023

Kena M. Teon
Name

Title: Grants Administrator

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: [Click to enter date](#)

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

MTS Kearny Mesa Bus Division

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