

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Alameda

From: Alameda County Transportation Commission
1111 Broadway, Suite 800
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Project Title: East Bay Greenway (EBGW) Multimodal Project: Lake Merritt to Bayfair

Project Applicant: Alameda County Transportation Commission

Project Location - Specific: The project extends along arterial streets that generally include East (E.) 10th, E. 8th, E. 12th, and San Leandro streets in Oakland, and San Leandro Boulevard and E. 14th Street in San Leandro. The project corridor's northern limit is the Lake Merritt BART Station at Oak and E. 9th streets in Oakland. The southern limit is at E14th Street and Plaza Drive adjacent to the Bayfair Center at the San Leandro southerly city limit.

Project Location - City: Oakland and San Leandro

Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The EBGW Project proposes to construct an active transportation facility that would connect BART stations, downtown areas, schools, and other major destinations along arterials over a distance of approximately 11 miles and would traverse the cities of Oakland and San Leandro. The project consists of Class I Multi-Use Path, Class II Bike Lanes, traffic calmed Class III neighborhood bike routes (bicycle boulevards) on low volume, traffic-calmed roadways, and one- and two-way Class IV Separated Bikeway facilities. The project would also include intersection crossing and traffic control improvements, pedestrian ADA improvements, and access to intermediate BART stations along the project corridor. The project does not require any new right of way acquisition.

The purpose of the project is to:

- Improve multimodal connectivity and access to BART and other transit routes, schools, downtown areas, and major activity centers within the project limits
- Enhance existing arterial streets within the project corridor so that they are accessible and comfortable to bicyclists and pedestrians
- Improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians by providing paths of travel that are physically separated from vehicular traffic or utilize low speed, low volume roadways, and which minimize conflicts between transportation modes to the extent feasible
- Encourage mode shift by providing attractive, comfortable, and lower-stress non-vehicular paths of travel that facilitate first-mile, last-mile options to access community destinations

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Alameda County Transportation Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Alameda County Transportation Commission

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____
- Other.: Common Sense Exemption (Sec.15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

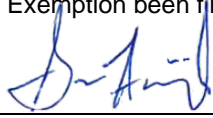
The project consists of the minor alteration of existing public facilities (roadways), involving negligible expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The proposed project would be located within existing transportation facilities with no proposed right-of-way acquisition. Overall, the scope of proposed work (multimodal improvements) would have a positive impact on the existing social and natural environment. No reasonable possibility of significant impacts was identified.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gary Huisingsh **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 510-208-7400

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  **Date:** 6/7/2023

Title: Deputy Executive Director of Projects

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

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

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____