

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Lead Agency:
California Energy Commission
Fuels and Transportation Division
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Bridging the EV Charging Gap: a Scalable Model for Convenient, Affordable, and Reliable Level 2 Charger Deployment in Downtown Oakland

Project Applicant: FlashParking, Inc.

2335 Broadway Northgate
820 Washington St.
385 14th St.
1721 Webster St.
524 16th St.
1000 Broadway
438 W Grand
1000 Oak St.
288 9th Ave
2353 Webster St.
180 Grand Ave
420 13th St.
1611 Telegraph Ave
525 14th St.

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City:

Oakland

Project Location - County:

Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install 446 Level 2 EV chargers across various parking facilities in downtown Oakland, CA. These EV chargers will support local businesses, residents, and the downtown community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: FlashParking, Inc.

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: Cal. Code Regs, tit. 14, §15301 – “Existing Facilities,” §15303 – “New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures,” §15304 – “Minor Alterations to Land”
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Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

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Reasons why project is exempt:

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the responsible agency's determination, are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act. This project involves installation of 446 electric vehicle Level 2 chargers across 14 parking lots in downtown Oakland. At existing sites, the electric vehicle chargers will be installed on existing pavement or in existing parking garages. Therefore, the project falls within section 15301 and will not have a significant effect on the environment. California Code Regulations (CCR) Title 14 Section 15301 provides that projects which consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, and which involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project meets the requirements of 14 CCR 15301 because installation of the electric vehicle chargers and associated equipment will only involve minor alterations and no expansion of existing or former use since the installations will occur predominantly in existing facilities such as parking areas.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15303 provides that projects which consist of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure, are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. This project consists of installation of new equipment to the existing sites. All the equipment will be installed in existing paved parking lots or parking garages. Therefore, the project falls within section 15303 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, Sec. 15304 provides that projects which consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes are categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA. In this project, minor trenching and directional boring may be necessary to lay conduit from the existing or new electrical infrastructure (transformer, switchgear, etc.) to the charging equipment. The trenching/boring will take place on currently paved ground and surface will be restored. Therefore, the project falls within section 15304 and will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Katherine Dillon

Area

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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: _____ Title: Energy Analyst

Signed by Lead Agency Signed By Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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