



Notice of Exemption

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From: (Lead Agency)
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District
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County Clerk, Counties of:

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara

Project Title: Automated License Plate Reader Program

Project Applicant: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART)

Project Location - Specific: Multiple BART Parking Lots and Garages

Project Location – Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo

Project Location – Cities: Berkeley, Dublin, Fremont, Hayward, Oakland, Pleasanton, San Leandro, Union City; Antioch, Concord, El Cerrito, Lafayette, Orinda, Pittsburg, Pleasant Hill, Richmond, Walnut Creek; Colma, Daly City, Millbrae, San Bruno, South San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program would install automated license plate readers at parking facilities at 34 BART stations with parking in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo Counties. This includes both parking lots and parking structures. The ALPR service would read and record the license plate numbers of vehicles entering and exiting the parking area. The ALPR services are intended to support parking enforcement and law enforcement.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Same

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: 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, which would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption, apply to the project. The ALPR units would be placed within developed surface parking lots or existing parking structures. The ALPR units are small and

would not be a substantial new element in BART parking facilities. Installation of the ALPR units would only require minor extensions of power and communications infrastructure. No expansion of current parking space or current use is proposed.

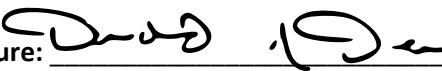
Lead Agency

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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:** 12/13/2023 **Title:** Mgr. of Environmental Review

Donald Dean

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 2112.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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NOTICE OF CEQA EXEMPTION

Project Name: Automated License Plate Reader Program
 Project Address: Multiple BART Parking Lots and Garages
 Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo
 BART Project No.: NA
 Project Sponsor: BART Customer Access and Accessibility
 Project Contact: Ryan Greene-Roesel
 510-368-2884

Date of CE Determination: December 13, 2023

This CE will be filed with the County Clerk: Alameda Contra Costa San Francisco
 San Mateo Santa Clara

PROPOSED PROJECT

Project Location

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) operates transit rail service along 131 miles of track with 50 stations in five counties. The Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program would install automated license plate readers at parking facilities at 34 BART stations with parking in Alameda, Contra Costa, and San Mateo Counties. Table 1 below lists the BART stations where parking could receive the ALPR units.

Project Description

BART plans to provide Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) services at its parking facilities. This includes both parking lots and parking structures. The ALPR service would read and record the license plate numbers of vehicles entering and exiting the parking area. The ALPR services are intended to support parking enforcement and law enforcement.

The camera units are small, approximately 7 inches wide by 4 inches long by 2 inches high. (See Figure 1 below.) The ALPR units in parking structures would be cameras fixed to the interior of the structure at locations near entries and exits. The ALPR units would be fixed to a pole or the ceiling or wall of a structure. (See Figure 2 below.) In surface parking lots, the ALPR units would be fixed atop a pole approximately 10 feet tall with the cameras focused on lot entries and exits.

BART currently has two fixed cameras at the entrance of MacArthur parking garage, along with one mobile camera unit, as part of a pilot project. BART anticipates obtaining up to 52 additional fixed cameras, that may be installed at up to 34 stations. The ALPRs would be installed as funding becomes available.

Attachments

Table 1: List of BART Stations Planned for Automatic License Plate Readers

Figure 1: Automatic License Plate Reader (photo)

Figure 2: Automatic License Plate Reader Garage Installation (photo)

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

This program would add ALPRs to existing, off-street parking structures and surface parking lots. Installation of the ALPRs in previously developed station parking areas or in parking structures would preclude the possibility of program impacts to the natural environment (for example, soils, biology or air quality). The ALPRs are of small size and would not represent a major new element in existing BART lots or structures. Most patrons would not notice any change to the parking areas or patron environment. The ALPRs may require some minor electrical infrastructure to provide connections to existing power and communications. In parking lots, this could be minor trenching; in parking garages, it may require additional conduit. Installation would be minimal by general construction standards.

Possible Exceptions to CE

If a project is ordinarily exempt under any of the potential categorical exemptions, CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 provides specific instances where exceptions to otherwise applicable exemptions apply. In these cases, the CEQA exemption would not apply to a project.

Yes	No	Would the project be precluded from a Categorical Exemption due to the following exception per Guidelines Section 15300.2?
	X	(a) Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located. A project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.
	X	(b) Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.
	X	(c) Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
	X	(d) Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a

		highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.
	X	(e) Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.
	X	(f) Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Relevant Exemptions

The project would meet the criteria of CEQA Guidelines Section 15301-Existing Facilities, a Class 1 exemption.

	Statutory Exemption: 15275(a), Specified Mass Transit Projects
	Ministerial Exemption
X	Categorical Exemption: 15301, Class 1, Existing Facilities
	Categorical Exemption: 15303, Class 3, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
	Emergency Exemption
	Other Exemption

15301. Existing Facilities

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(a) would apply to the project:

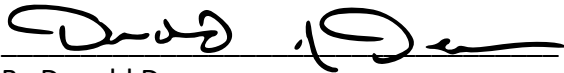
15301(a) Interior or exterior alterations involving such things as interior partitions, plumbing, and electrical conveyances.

The project is determined to meet the qualifications for a Categorical Exemption for the following reasons among others:

1. None of the exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, which would prohibit the use of a categorical exemption, apply to the project.
2. The ALPR units would be placed within developed surface parking lots or existing parking structures.
3. The ALPR units are small and would not be a substantial new element to BART parking facilities.
4. Installation of the ALPR units would only require minor extensions of power and communications infrastructure.
5. No expansion of current parking space or current use is proposed.

DETERMINATION

No further environmental review is required. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA. An exemption from environmental review pursuant to the provisions of CEQA has been considered and approved:



By Donald Dean
BART Manager of Environmental Review

12/13/2023

Date

Table 1**List of BART Station Locations for Automatic License Plate Readers**

ALAMEDA COUNTY	
Ashby (Berkeley)	3100 Adeline St., Berkeley, CA 94703
Bay Fair (San Leandro)	15242 Hesperian Blvd., San Leandro, CA 94578
Castro Valley	3301 Norbridge Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546
Coliseum (Oakland)	7200 San Leandro St., Oakland, CA 94621
Dublin/Pleasanton	5801 Owens Dr., Pleasanton, CA 94588
Fremont	2000 BART Way, Fremont, CA 94536
Fruitvale (Oakland)	3401 E 12th St., Oakland, CA 94601
Hayward	699 B St., Hayward, CA 94541
MacArthur (Oakland)	555 40th St., Oakland, CA 94609
North Berkeley	1750 Sacramento St., Berkeley, CA 94702
Rockridge (Oakland)	5660 College Ave., Oakland, CA 94618
San Leandro	1401 San Leandro Blvd., San Leandro, CA 9457
South Hayward	28601 Dixon St., Hayward, CA 94544
Union City	10 Union Square, Union City, CA 94587
Warm Springs/South Fremont	45193 Warm Springs Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539
West Dublin/Pleasanton	6501 Golden Gate Dr. Dublin, CA 94568
West Oakland	1451 7th St., Oakland, CA 94607
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	
Antioch	1600 Slatten Ranch Rd., Antioch, CA 94509
Concord	1451 Oakland Ave., Concord, CA 94520
El Cerrito del Norte	6400 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito, CA 94530
El Cerrito Plaza	6699 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530
Lafayette	3601 Deer Hill Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549
North Concord/Martinez	3700 Port Chicago Hwy, Concord, CA 94520
Orinda	11 Camino Pablo, Orinda, CA 94563
Pittsburg/Bay Pointe	1700 W Leland Rd., Pittsburg, CA 94565
Pittsburg Center	2099 Railroad Ave., Pittsburg, CA 94565
Pleasant Hill/Contra Costa Centre	1365 Treat Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Richmond	1700 Nevin Ave., Richmond, CA 94801
Walnut Creek	200 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek, CA 94596
SAN MATEO COUNTY	
Colma	365 D St., Colma, CA
Daly City	500 John Daly Blvd., Daly City, CA
Millbrae	200 Rollins Rd., Millbrae, CA 94030
San Bruno	1151 Huntington Ave., San Bruno, CA
South San Francisco	1333 Mission Rd., South San Francisco, CA

Figure 1: Automatic License Plate Reader Camera



Figure 2: Automatic License Plate Reader Installed

