

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
 County Clerk
 County of: Orange
 601 N. Ross Street
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street
Orange, CA 92863
 (Address)

Project Title: Orange County Transportation Authority Garden Grove Base Hydrogen Fuel Station

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

OCTA Garden Grove Bus Base located at 11790 Cardinal Circle, Garden Grove.

Project Location - City: Garden Grove Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

OCTA is proposing the construction of a hydrogen fuel station to accommodate 50 hydrogen fuel cell electric buses, and can be scaled up to 132 buses at the Garden Grove Bus Base facility (see Exhibit A) and the purchase of 40 hydrogen fuel cell buses, to meet the California Air Resources Board Innovative Clean Transit Rule. Other activities may include installation of hydrogen detection and alarm systems in bus maintenance facilities, and installation of a back-up power generator.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

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: 15301, 15303, 15060(c)(2), 15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The purchase and operation of hydrogen fuel cell buses and construction of a hydrogen fuel station would consist of the installation of new equipment and facilities within a small structure and is a minor alteration of an existing public facility involving negligible or no expansion of the current use. The proposed project would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: George Olivo Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5872

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: *George Olivo* Date: 02/09/2024 Title: Director, Planning

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



EXHIBIT A
Proposed Hydrogen Fueling Station
at OCTA Garden Grove Bus Base
(11790 Cardinal Circle, Garden Grove, CA 92843)

