

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: Zero Emission Paratransit Vehicle Pilot

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:
OCTA Irvine Bus Base located at 16281 Construction Circle W.

Project Location - City: Irvine Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
This pilot project will replace 10 of OCTA's gasoline-powered paratransit vehicles with 10 battery-electric vehicles equipped for paratransit service. The pilot project also includes the charging infrastructure and the charging station for the battery-electric paratransit vehicles to be located at the OCTA bus base in Irvine where OCTA's paratransit vehicles are based and maintained. The Zero Emission Paratransit Vehicle Pilot will serve residents and businesses in the 34 cities and the unincorporated areas of Orange County.

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));
[X] 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 of battery-electric buses and construction of a battery charging infrastructure and 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: Cliff Thorne Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5975

- 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: [Handwritten Signature] 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.