



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of Los Angeles
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12400 Imperial Highway,
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From: Port of Long Beach
Environmental Planning Division
415 West Ocean Boulevard
Long Beach, California 90802

Project Title: Southeast Gateway Line Project - Master Joint Revocable Permit
State Clearinghouse No.:
Project Location – City: Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, South Gate, Downey, Paramount, and Artesia
Project Location – County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The Real Estate Division will request the Board of Harbor Commissioners' approval to enter into a Master Joint Revocable Permit with Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) to allow for approximately 166 potholes and slot-trenches along the existing 6.1-mile segment of the San Pedro Branch right-of-way jointly owned by the Port of Long Beach (Port) and Port of Los Angeles (POLA) along the cities of Bell, Cudahy, Huntington Park, South Gate, Downey, Paramount, and Artesia of the to support engineering design of the Southeast Gateway Line Project (Project), formerly West Santa Ana Branch Project. This agreement will be effective upon last execution by the Executive Director of POLA or the Chief Executive Officer of the Port and expire in six (6) months.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Port of Long Beach
Name of Person or Agency Carrying out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial Exemption [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268];
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemption.
State type and section number: 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and 15306 (Information Collection)
- Statutory Exemption.
State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (Section 15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15304 Minor Alterations to Land (Class 4): The Class 4 Categorical Exemption consists 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 or agricultural purposes. The Master Joint Revocable Permit includes 166 potholes and slot-trenches to support the engineering design of the Southeast Gateway Line Project. All locations will be backfilled with the surface completed to match previous conditions. No healthy, mature or scenic trees will be removed during these activities.

Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6): The Class 6 Categorical Exemption consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management, and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The project involves includes 166 potholes and slot-trenches to support the design of the Southeast Gateway Line Project and do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.


The Port has determined that none of the exceptions to the exemptions in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15300.2 foreclose the use of the categorical exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15306 (Information Collection); therefore the Project is exempt from CEQA and no further environmental review is required.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alex Holford **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (562) 283-7100

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:** 02/27/2024 **Title:** Director of Environmental Planning
Matthew Arms

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: _____