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**Check Document being Filed:**

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
  - Filing Fee (new project)
  - Previously Paid F&W (**must attach F&W receipt and project titles must match**)
  - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
  - Filing Fee (new project)
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  - No Effect Determination (**F&W letter must be attached**)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

1. LEAD AGENCY: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)
2. LEAD AGENCY EMAIL: patty.boonlue@vta.org
3. PROJECT TITLE: Relocation of Lick Mill Crossover to Champion
4. APPLICANT NAME: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) PHONE: 408-321-5821
5. APPLICANT EMAIL: patty.boonlue@vta.org
6. APPLICANT ADDRESS: 3331 N 1st Street B-2, San Jose, CA 95134
7. PROJECT APPLICANT IS A:  Local Public Agency  School District  Other Special District  State Agency  Private Entity
8. NOTICE TO BE POSTED FOR 30 DAYS.

Filing fees are due at the time a Notice of Determination/Exemption is filed with our office. For more information on filing fees and No Effect Determinations, please refer to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 753.5.

# 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: Santa Clara

**From:** (Public Agency): VTA  
3331 N 1st Street B-2  
San Jose CA 95134 ATTN: Patty Boonlue

(Address)

Project Title: Relocation of Lick Mill Crossover to Champion

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Project Location - Specific:

**Vicinity of Lick Mill Light Rail Station and Champion Light Rail Station**

Project Location - City: San Jose, Santa Clara Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project will relocate the crossover (Switch 71 & 72) and all its corresponding components from east of Lick Mill Station in the City of Santa Clara to a location west of Champion Station in the City of San Jose. The Project is needed because the turnback operation is crucial for revenue light rail service and for major special event services, such as the Super Bowl and FIFA events, happening in early 2026.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

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: 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt:

This Categorical Exemption refers to "New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures," which consists of the installation of small new equipment and facilities CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 applies because the Project involves removing, salvaging, and replacing the existing Lick Mill Station crossover, and its corresponding components, to Champion Station.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Patty Boonlue Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-321-5821

**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: 6/7/2024 Title: Environmental Programs Manager

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_