

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Santa Clara
110 West Tasman Drive, First Floor
San Jose, CA 95134

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

Project Title: State Route 85 Noise Reduction Study (Phase 2) Project

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)

Project Location - Specific:

Five locations along State Route 85 between post miles (PM) 4.4 and 20.8.

Project Location - City: Countywide Project Location - County: Santa Clara

To construct and test noise reduction measures at five demonstration locations along SR 85. The noise reduction measures were first identified and selected to be taken forward in the State Route 85 Noise Reduction Study Final Phase 1 Report (September 2016) (Phase 1 Study).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 4 (DOT)

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: 15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

15301 Existing Facilities (Class 1). Minor alteration of existing highways, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. This project contains a number of standardized avoidance and minimization measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impact resulting from the proposed project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Brian Gassner Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (510) 506-0372

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: Brian Gassner Date: 07/17/2024 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

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: _____