

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Clara

From: (Public Agency): VTA

3331 N. 1st Street B-2

San Jose CA 95134 ATTN: Christina Jaworski

(Address)

Project Title: Light Rail Vehicle Research Project

Project Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority

Project Location - Specific:

VTA light rail operates in Santa Clara County in the cities of Campbell, Milpitas, Mountain View, and San Jose.

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will procure or re-build two light rail vehicles (LRV) with new technologies, including an onboard energy storage system capable of sustaining an off-wire operating capacity of over 10 miles. These vehicles are to be between 120 and 135 feet and pass all regulatory requirements. The LRV Research Project has a planned five-year evaluation period which includes community outreach. The purpose of the project is to enhance the capacity, improve operational efficiency, and integrate modern technological solutions into the existing LRV or future fleet.

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: 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

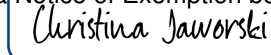
This categorical exemption refers to "Replacement or Reconstruction", which "consists of replacement or reconstruction or existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced". CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 applies because the Project involves replacing or re-building existing light rail vehicles.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Christina Jaworski Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 408-321-5751

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: 9/11/2024 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: _____