



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 37-09/25/2024-0794
 STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBERS *applicable*

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/25/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO		DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2024-0794

PROJECT TITLE
 LOS CHOLLAS CREEK BRIDGE SCOUR REPAIR PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 224-209-6554
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 1255 IMPERIAL AVENUE, SUITE 1000	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
PROJECT APPLICANT <i>(Check appropriate box)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency <input type="checkbox"/> School District Other Special District <input type="checkbox"/> State Agency Private Entity		ZIP CODE 92101

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously Issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash Credit Check Other TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, TIFFANI HOOD, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: check # 55422



SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
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Project Title

LOS CHOLLAS CREEK BRIDGE SCOUR REPAIR PROJECT

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

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COUNTY CLERK ON September 25, 2024

Posted September 25, 2024 **Removed** _____

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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

To:	From:	(Public Agency)	
	Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814		<u>San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</u> <u>1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000</u> <u>San Diego, CA 92101</u>
	<u>San Diego County Clerk-Recorder's Office</u> <u>1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260</u> <u>San Diego, CA 92101</u>		

Project Title: Los Chollas Creek Bridge Scour Repair Project

Project Location – Specific:

The Las Chollas Creek Bridge Scour Repair Project (Project) is located at the existing Las Chollas Bridge, which is comprised of two, three-span bridges constructed in the early 1980s. The Las Chollas Bridge is located just east of San Diego Bay, over Chollas Creek in the City of San Diego, northwest of South 32nd Street and East Harbor Drive. The 120-foot linear bridges span Los Chollas Creek channel and include westbound and eastbound tracks used by the San Diego Trolley operated by the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS). Surrounding land uses include the San Diego Naval Base to the north, south, and east and San Diego Bay to the west.

Project Location – City: San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project involves repair of portions of the bridge that were damaged during the January 2024 flood events. The bridge provides critical transportation services, including the MTS Trolley Blue Line that has trains passing at 7.5-minute intervals, and freight railroad traffic. The storm event caused significant erosion along the northern bridge abutment removing soil beneath the abutment footing, removing rip-rap on the downstream side, and removing railroad track ballast from behind the abutment. Implementation of the critical repairs prior to the winter 2024-2025 storm season is requested to help prevent further damage to the bridge. The repairs will return the bridge abutment and associated slopes to safe conditions, while limiting impacts to aquatic resources during the repair process to the extent feasible.

The bridge repairs include excavation and re-formation of the eroded slopes, installation of a cast-in-place fabric formwork concrete mattress (CIP mattress) for bridge abutment scour protection, and repairs to damaged concrete on the abutment. Clean gravel will be used to fill in the scoured areas of the existing embankment and to achieve a smooth graded surface that does not exceed a 2:1 slope. The project will also repair the pile caps. The repair approach for the pile caps includes complete removal of the cover over the existing reinforcing steel bars for the entire concrete surface. The bars will be cleansed of rust and zinc anodes will be installed to arrest further corrosion. New concrete repair material will be poured to encapsulate the bars. The pile cap repairs will avoid impacts to jurisdictional resources. To accomplish this, work will be performed from floating platforms that will be removed at the end of each workday. Small hand tools and water jetting may be used to remove loose concrete, latent material, and clean the steel bars. A grout pump may be used to place the grout material inside of the formwork. Grout material and debris will be prevented from entering the creek using formwork or tubs/catch basin around the piles. Water from jetting activities will be captured and treated to required levels before being returned to the creek.

Temporary instream work will be performed during low tide to prevent the need for a stream diversion or dewatering. Potential effects to aquatic resources will be avoided/minimized through the use of a biological monitor and through implementation of best management practices (BMPs), including BMPs related to erosion and sedimentation; overwater and in-water construction; activities adjacent to coastal waters; stockpile and debris management; spill prevention and equipment maintenance; and paints, coatings, and other products. Vegetated areas temporarily impacted by project activities will be restored to pre-disturbance contours and elevations and revegetated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Exempt Status: (check one) Imperial Avenue, 209

- 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: Class 1, Sec. 15301 – Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

As described in Class 1 (d), the Project is consistent with the restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety.

The Project includes repairs to existing abutments and pile caps associated with an existing bridge to restore the integrity of the bridge structure. The Project would not result in significant effects, as potential effects to aquatic resources will be avoided/minimized through the use of a biological monitor and through implementation of BMPs. Temporary instream work for the abutment repairs will be performed during low tide to prevent the need for stream diversion or dewatering. The pile cap repairs will avoid impacts to jurisdictional resources as work will be performed from floating platforms that will be removed at the end of each workday. Small hand tools will be used as opposed to large construction equipment

Potential impacts to jurisdictional resources total approximately 0.33 acre, of which permanent impacts associated with the CIP mattress total less than 0.02 acre, and temporary impacts associated with work activities total 0.31 acre. Temporarily impacted areas will be restored to pre-disturbance contours and elevations and revegetated. The 0.02 acre of permanent impacts to open water would result in a small loss of volume of open water habitat but would maintain the same area of open water habitat above the CIP mattress. Therefore, impacts are not considered significant and no mitigation is required.

The Project's in-situ repairs to the abutments and pile caps will be conducted in accordance with required resources agency permits (Section 404, Streambed Alteration Agreement 1602, California Coastal Commission Emergency Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification).

Project activities will be strictly conditioned to prevent adverse impacts to water quality. The activities would not result in increased sediment, pollutants, or other impairments conveyed downstream, and will result in enhancement of water quality. No changes in deposition, siltation, or erosion within the waters would occur. The activities will not result in the degradation or preclusion of any beneficial uses. The project will comply with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System general permit.

The Project would not occur within a particularly sensitive environment, result in cumulative impacts, result in significant effects, damage resources within a state scenic highway, be located on a hazardous waste site, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Area Ahmed Al-Janabi Code/Telephone/Extension: (224) 209-6554

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: Ahmed Al Janabi Date: 9/25/2025 Title: Sr. Project Manager

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR:
- Signed by Applicant

San Diego County



Transaction#: 8018935
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Cashier Date: 09/25/2024
Cashier Location: SD

Print Date: 09/25/2024 4:16 pm

Payment_Summary

Total Fees	\$50.00
Total Payments	\$50.00
Balance:	\$0.00

Payment	
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Total Payments	\$50.00
Filing	
CEQA - NOE	FILE#: 2024-000865 Date: 09/25/2024 4:16PM Pages: 3
	State Receipt # 37-09/25/2024-0794
Fees: Fish & Wildlife County Administrative Fee	\$50.00
Total Fees Due:	\$50.00
Grand Total - All Documents:	\$50.00