Resolution No. 2024-60

Board of Directors, San Mateo County Transit District State of California

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Modifying the Footprint of the Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Project at North Base and Adopting an Addendum to the Negative Declaration

Whereas, the San Mateo County Transit District (District) Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Project (ZEB Project) entails re-purposing SamTrans's existing North Base and South Base bus maintenance and operations facilities to support zero-emissions buses, including battery electric and fuel cell electric buses, rather than diesel-powered buses; and

Whereas, as originally planned in 2022, implementation of the ZEB Project at North Base in South San Francisco assumed construction activities would occur entirely within the existing boundaries of North Base, except for connection to PG&E primary services via local roadways, and no property acquisition or use of other parcels would be required; and

Whereas, the District has determined that ZEB Project construction activities at North Base may result in conflicts with delivery of service, bus maintenance, bus storage, and/or use of the Safe Harbor Shelter on space leased to the County of San Mateo; and

Whereas, to minimize these conflicts, additional construction staging and laydown space that is physically near the project site on North Base is required; and

Whereas, the District also anticipates future needs for space beyond the existing boundaries of North Base because future projects will have similar construction staging and laydown area needs; and

Whereas, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), in 2022 the Board of Directors (Board) adopted the ZEB Project Final Initial Study – Negative Declaration (IS-ND); and

Whereas, the District filed a Notice of Determination for the ZEB Project with the San Mateo County Clerk on December 20, 2022; and

Whereas, the IS-ND did not analyze use of additional space, particularly Assessor Parcels 015180200 and 015180110 in the City of South San Francisco, the parcels located directly east of North Base, or the space used by Safe Harbor Shelter, for construction staging and laydown space;

Whereas, the District has prepared an Addendum to the ND in conformance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 to determine whether and to what extent the ND remains sufficient to address the potential impacts of the Project with a larger footprint; and

Whereas, the Addendum demonstrates that: (a) there are no substantial changes proposed to the Project nor the circumstances in which the Project will be undertaken that require major revisions of the ND due to new or substantially increased significant environmental effects; (b) the proposed revisions do not require preparation of a new subsequent or supplemental ND; (c) the Project is consistent with the ND and would involve only minor changes; and (d) there has been no discovery of new information of substantial importance that would trigger or require major revisions of the ND due to significant environmental effects; and Whereas, the Addendum to the ND is not required to be circulated for public review.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Transit District hereby adopts the 2024 Addendum to the SamTrans Zero Emissions Bus Implementation Project Final Initial Study – Negative Declaration; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Board hereby approves modification of the footprint of the ZEB Project at North Base to include Assessor Parcels 015180200 and 015180110; and

Be It Further Resolved the District Secretary is directed to file a CEQA Notice of Determination promptly with the County Clerk of San Mateo; and

Be It Further Resolved the record of this action shall be maintained by the Board Secretary at the District's office at 1250 San Carlos Avenue in San Carlos, CA.

Regularly passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 2024 by the following vote:

Ayes: Chuang, Esser, Gee, Medina, Powell, Ratto, Fraser

Noes: None

Absent: Canepa, Mueller

Chair, San Mateo County Transit District

Attest:

Acting District Secretary