

# 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: Orange  
 601 N. Ross Street  
 Santa Ana, CA 92701

**From: (Public Agency):** Orange County Transportation Authority  
550 S Main Street  
Orange, CA 92868

(Address)

Project Title: Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project Area 3

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:  
LOSSAN Rail Corridor (Mile Post 204.07 to Mile Post 204.34)

Project Location - City: San Clemente Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
 To minimize passenger rail service disruptions, OCTA is pursuing an emergency action to demolish the existing Mariposa Pedestrian Bridge and temporary barrier wall to construct a new debris catchment structure in areas at risk of severe bluff erosion. These areas only include those with a moderate to high potential for bluff erosion and landslides to impact the railroad right-of-way and obstruct/damage railroad infrastructure. The proposed catchment structure will be constructed within existing railroad right-of-way and would re-establish the Mariposa Pedestrian Trail. A project location map is attached.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

- 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: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 15269(b) and (c) Emergency Projects

Reasons why project is exempt:  
 The specific activities proposed for this project are covered under CEQA Statutory Exemption 15269 (b) and (c). This exemption from CEQA applies to the proposed emergency actions to publicly owned service facilities necessary to maintain essential transportation services to the general public. This exemption allows for emergency repairs that "include those that require a reasonable amount of planning to address and anticipated emergency" and further applies to "specific actions necessary to or mitigate an emergency." The purpose of the proposed action is to mitigate for areas with moderate to high potential to damage railroad infrastructure from landslides. Failure to act may render the railroad line out of service.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Jim Beil Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5646

- 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: 4/14/2025 Title: Exec. Dir. Cap. Prog.

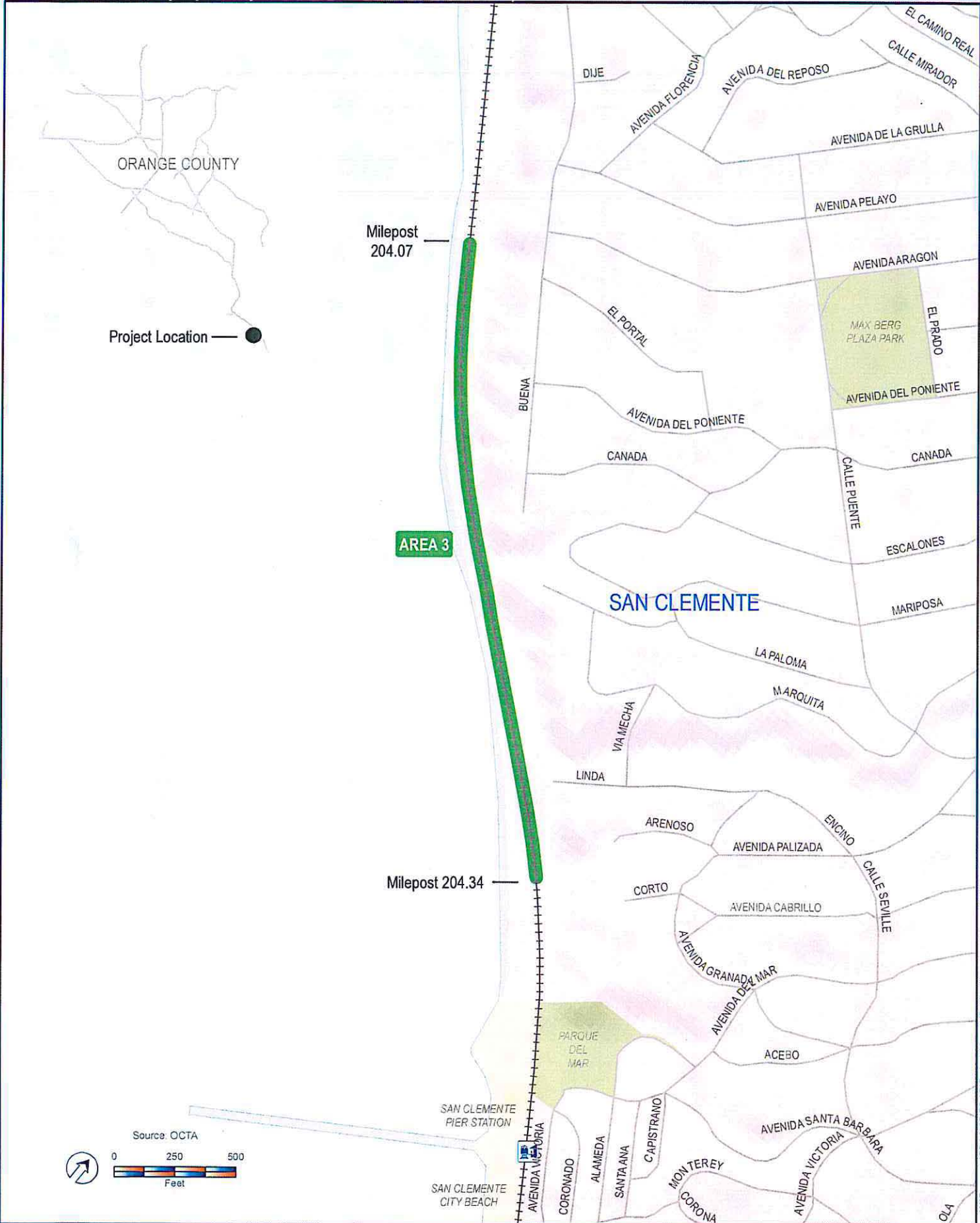
Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.      Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



# Coastal Rail Stabilization Priority Project Area 3 Location Map (Milepost 204.07 to 204.34)

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