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Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: SACRAMENTO

From: (Public Agency): San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit

300 Lakeside Drive

Oakland, CA 94607

(Address)

Project Title: MEASURE RR PROGRAM TRACTION POWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Project Applicant: STEVE SIMS, TRACTION POWER PROJECT MANAGER, SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT

Project Location - Specific:

Near the intersection of Mission Street and Valencia Street, San Francisco, CA 94110

Project Location - City: San Francisco

Project Location - County: San Francisco

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) is an electricity powered commuter transit line. Electrification is provided by "traction power" substations located along the transit line right-of-way. BART proposes improvements to one of its existing switching stations, referred herein as "MVS". MVS is located underground, adjacent to BART trackway, on the northwestern side of Mission Street at Valencia Street in the City of San Francisco. The proposed project would require facility upgrades, procurement, and installation of the existing switching station equipment which currently provides switching, distribution, and protection of the dual 34.5-kV sub-transmission cable system for the M-Line.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: STEVE SIMS, TRACTION POWER MANAGER

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:

The proposed replacement of the gap breaker station equipment qualifies for an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19 Section 15302 as a Class 2 Replacement or Reconstruction Project and would not have a significant impact on the environment. Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of 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. The proposed project would result in the replacement of outdated switching station equipment. Proposed improvements to MVS would require rehabilitation of the existing facility within the existing footprint. The existing equipment would be removed, and new equipment would be lowered via an existing access hatch with direct access to the switching station from the sidewalk. The new and replacement equipment would have the same purpose as the existing switching station and would be capable of supporting increased train lengths and more frequent peak period services.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: BART, STEVE SIMS

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-464-6417

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: [Signature] Date: 4/11/19 Title: Project Manager,
BART

☒ 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: _____

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