

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: (Public Agency): LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency
600 S. Main Street
Orange, CA. 92863

(Address)

Project Title: Pre-1949 Rail Replacement

Project Applicant: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Between mileposts 249 and 331 and also between mileposts 335 and 356 along the Union Pacific (UP) Santa Barbara Subdivision.

Project Location - City: Multiple

Project Location - County: Multiple

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project would replace ~20-30 miles of railroad infrastructure constructed prior to 1949 along the UP Santa Barbara Subdivision. The project would improve operational flexibility and reliability by eliminating speed restrictions, resulting in reduced travel time, increased ridership and reliability, and GHG emissions reduction.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad

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: §21080(b)(10) [15275(a)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been determined to qualify for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a) [PRC §21080(b)(10)] since the project would support mass transit passenger rail operations conducted by the LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency on a rail line already in use. The project would facilitate with service reliability and improved efficiency.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: James Campbell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (714) 560-5390

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: *Donna DeMartino* Date: 4/15/2020 Title: Managing Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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