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**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: 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: Tie Replacement

Project Applicant: LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency

Project Location - Specific:

Between mileposts 274.72 and 335.4 and also between 358 and 423.1 along the Union Pacific Santa Barbara Subdivision.

Project Location - City: Multiple Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Replace approximately 125 miles of old railroad ties to enhance overall operations and reliability of passenger rail service. 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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