

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles Co. Metropolitan
Transportation Authority, One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles
CA 90012, Contact: Robert Pak, 213.922.2206

(Address)

Project Title: NextGen Bus Speed and Reliability Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro)

Project Location - Specific:

Various streets within the City of Los Angeles (see Figures 1 and 2 attached)

Project Location - City: Los Angeles Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Metro, in partnership with the City of Los Angeles, is proposing to implement the speed and reliability improvements identified in Metro's NextGen Bus Plan (Plan). The proposed Project improvements identified in the Plan consist of three elements: 1. Expansion of Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to cover all Tier One bus corridors (see Figures 1 and 2) through the purchase, as well as installation, of TSP transponders for all Metro buses that do not currently have them and the installation of new TSP infrastructure on all Tier One bus corridors; 2. The design and construction of new bus-only lanes and other transit priority improvements along up to 80 lane miles on the highest frequency corridors in the city of Los Angeles; and 3. The purchase and installation of bus mobile validators (BMVs) for fare payment to enable all-door boarding (ADB) on the Tier One and Tier Two networks.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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: PRC Section 21080.25

Reasons why project is exempt:


PRC Section 21080.25 exempts from CEQA: (1) transit prioritization projects, which include signal coordination, signal timing and signal phasing modifications, the installation of wayside technology and onboard technology, and the installation of dedicated transit or very high-occupancy vehicle (6 or more occupants) lanes as well as shared turning lanes; (2) projects for the designation and conversion of general-purpose lanes or highway shoulders to bus-only lanes for use either during peak congestion hours or all day; and (3) projects for the institution of new or an increase in existing bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail service, including the construction of stations on existing public rights-of-way or existing highway rights-of-way. The proposed project meets the definition of a transit prioritization project as defined in PRC Section 21080.25 (a)(7). The proposed Project would also be exempt pursuant to PRC Section 21080.25(b)(4) because the proposed improvements would include the design and construction of new bus-only lanes along public roadways in the city of Los Angeles.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Pak Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213.922.2206

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: 3/29/2021 Title: Principal Environmental Specialist

▪ 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: _____

