

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

<p>TO:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044</p>	<p>FROM: Name: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (lead agency)</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon, MTS Grants Administrator</p> <p>Address: 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p> <p>Telephone: 619-557-4575</p>
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or County Clerk (Include County name) Address: Office of the Recorder – County Clerk 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 P.O. Box 121750 San Diego, CA 92112-1750 Phone: (619) 237-0502</p>	

<p>1. Project Title:</p>	<p>12th and Imperial Transit Center Rehabilitation Project</p>
<p>2. Project Applicant:</p>	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
<p>3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 1/2’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):</p>	<p>1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego and the adjacent “triangle lots” at 13th Street and National Avenue. A map of the project location is attached.</p>
<p>4. (a) Project Location – City: City of San Diego</p>	<p>(b) Project Location – County: San Diego</p>
<p>5. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:</p>	<p>On October 20, 2022, MTS’ Board of Directors accepted the 2022 Transit Intercity Rail Capital Program Grant Award for the Zero Emission Transit Enhancement Project, which includes the 12th and Imperial Transit Center Rehabilitation Project (“Project”). The Project will increase the number of bus bays at MTS’ busiest transit center, incorporate multi-modal hub components, and create a</p>

	<p>developable parcel for future Transit Oriented Development.</p> <p>The Project will consolidate parcels to re-align and streamline vehicle and truck freight traffic currently within the transit center to around the transit center. Removing underutilized streets segments and intersections will reduce conflict points, making the area safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Asphalt streets will be enhanced with landscaped passenger platforms. The Project will also involve stormwater system upgrades, landscape improvements, and replacement of VMS.</p> <p>The Project will increase transit ridership and improve passenger safety and efficiencies, providing a direct and meaningful benefit to disadvantaged and low-income households/communities. The Project will also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve transit service.</p>
6. Name of Public Agency approving project:	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
7. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	<p>San Diego Metropolitan Transit System</p> <p>Contact: Kena Teon MTS Grants Administrator 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101</p>
8. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial project.	
(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Not a project.	
(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project.	
(d) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	<p>Class 1, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15301 (existing facilities)</p> <p>Class 2, 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15302 (replacement or reconstruction)</p>
(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency.	
(f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	<p>Pub. Resources Code, § 21080.25(b) (transportation project exemptions and criteria)</p>

	Pub Resources Code, § 21080(b)(10), (b)(12); 14 Cal. Code Regs., § 15275 (specified mass transit projects)
(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Explanation:	
9. Reason why project was exempt:	<p>The Project is statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code section 21080.25, subdivision (b)(5) (institution or increase of new bus rapid transit, bus, or light rail service), subdivision (b)(6) (zero emission infrastructure), and subdivision (b)(7) (maintenance, repair, relocation replacement, or removal of any utility infrastructure associated with these types of projects).</p> <p>The Project is also statutorily exempt under Public Resources Code section 21080, subdivision (b)(10) and (b)(12) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15275 because the Project will increase commuter services on rail rights-of-way that are already in use, including the modernization of an existing station, and includes facility extensions required for transfer of transit passengers that would not exceed four miles length.</p> <p>The Project is categorically exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 (Class 1) because it consists of the maintenance and minor alteration of existing bus lanes and transit improvements and would involve negligible or no expansion of an existing use and under State CEQA Guideline section 15302 (Class 2) because it includes the replacement or reconstruction of existing small structures or facilities on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced structures.</p> <p>Any future Transit Oriented Development on the project site would be subject to further consideration by MTS for approval and compliance with CEQA, as the details of any such future project are too speculative at this juncture to provide for a meaningful environmental assessment.</p>
10. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Kena Teon, MTS Grants Administrator 619-557-4575
11. If filed by applicant: Attach Preliminary Exemption Assessment (Form "A") before filing. Not applicable to Project	
12. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable to Project	
13. Was a public hearing held by the Lead Agency to consider the exemption? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, the date of the public hearing was: October 20, 2022	

Signature

Date: 10/20/2022

Kena M. Teon
Name

Title: MTS Grants Administrator

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date Received for Filing: [Click to enter date](#)

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