

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020060297

Project Title: Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) Interstate 680 (I-680) Northbound Express Lane Completion Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4

Project Location (include county): Cities of Alameda, Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez, in Contra Costa County

Project Description: As a major north-south freeway, Interstate 680 (I-680) is a heavily traveled corridor that connects the Southern San Francisco Bay Area with Interstate 80 and passes through Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano County. Within Contra Costa County, travelers experience congestion, traffic bottlenecks within the corridor, and increased travel times. The Project proposes to construct a northbound express lane from Livorna Road to State Route (SR-) 242 and convert the existing northbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane from SR-242 to north of Arthur Road near Martinez to an express lane. The Project has four build alternatives (1C, 2, 3, and 5) and one no build alternative. Alternative 2 has been identified as the Preferred Alternative. The Project is located within Alamo, Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Martinez on I-680.

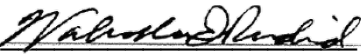
This is to advise that the California Department of Transportation (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.

4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the Negative Declaration, is available to the general public at:

<https://ccta.net/projects/innovate-680/express-lane-completion/>

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Date: 12/16/25 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.