

Notice of Exemption

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From: California Energy Commission
1516 9th Street, MS-6
Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: _Washington Yard Microgrid Project

Project Applicant: _City of Los Angeles, Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: _1910 and 1950 Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90021

Project Location - City: _Los Angeles

Project Location - County: _Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

LADOT's Washington Yard Microgrid project is part of LADOT's strategy to convert its entire fleet of buses to battery electric, zero-emission vehicles. This Project will install a solar and storage microgrid at the Washington Yard that includes four (4) Proterra 1.5 MW Chargers, 104 Proterra charger dispensers, overhead bus charging and solar canopies, solar PV panels, and Battery Energy Storage

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation

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: Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15301, 15303.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _Pub. Resources Code § 21080.25 (b)(6)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves the installation of electric charging infrastructure including four 1.5 MW chargers, 104 charger dispensers, overhead transit bus charging and solar canopies, and battery energy storage at an existing bus facility in Los Angeles to power zero emission buses. The bus facility is located in an urbanized area where land use designation is heavy industrial. Neighboring parcels of land consist of one to two story industrial buildings used for warehouses, distribution, manufacturing and transportation facilities and there are no conflicts with the applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality. The project will not affect any visual resources, such as protected trees or historic resources. Installation of the fast charging system includes installation of conduit, wiring, electrical connections and mounting equipment. Minor trenching of approximately 1,600 linear feet is required to bring power to the charging system. The project will not impact adjacent residential homes, traffic or right of way, or noise because the project is upgrading an existing transportation maintenance facility that is located in an industrial area zoned for industrial uses. The reconstruction and conversion of any small structures for this project will not impact any scenic resources.

This project is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA under section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines as a project that consists of the minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features and which involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use at the sites. The project is also exempt under and 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines as a project that consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures or the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures.

The project does not involve any unusual circumstances, will not result in damage to any scenic resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway, none of the sites are included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, and the project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The project, when considered as a whole, will not result in a cumulative impact that is significant on the environment. Therefore, none of the exceptions to exemptions listed in CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to this project and this project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The project is also exempt by statute pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 (b)(6). Section (b)(6) provides exemption for projects that construct or maintain infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission transit buses, provided the project is carried out by a public transit agency, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT), who is subject to, and in compliance with, the State Air Resources Board's Innovative Clean Transit regulations. Pursuant to Article 4.3 (commencing with Section 2023) of Chapter 1 of Division 3 of Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations the project is located on property owned by the transit agency and the transit agency owns, operates, and contracts with another entity to operate buses in California. In addition, under the provisions of California Public Resources Code Section 21080.25 (c) (1-5) the project is exempt from this division and meets all five criteria:

- The City of Los Angeles, is the lead public agency, carrying out the project.
- The project is located in an urbanized area.
- The project meets the requirement specific to maintaining infrastructure to charge or refuel zero-emission transit buses since it is located on property owned by the transit agency (the City). Section 21080.25 (b)(6) of the Public Resource Code.
- The project will not add physical infrastructure that increases new automobile capacity on existing rights-of-way. The project will encourage more sustainable transportation options, which will reduce congestion and improve air quality.
- The project will not require the demolition of affordable housing units.

In compliance with subdivision (d)(2)(A), LADOT, as the lead agency, shall certify that the project will be completed by a skilled and trained workforce. LADOT shall enter into a contract to use a skilled and trained workforce. In accordance with Chapter 2.9 (commencing with Section 2600) of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Public Contract Code, the City of Los Angeles shall include in all bid documents and construction contracts a notice that the project is subject to the skilled and trained workforce requirement. Furthermore, a commitment that a skilled and trained workforce will be used to complete the project shall be made in an enforceable agreement between the City and contractors and contractors will submit a report demonstrating compliance on a monthly basis while the project or contract is being performed.

Responsible Agency

Contact Person: Kate Reid Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-237-2536

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: Kate Reid Date: 17Aug21 Title: Air Resources Engineer

- Signed by Responsible Agency
 Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
 Signed by Applicant