

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): 2023030408

Project Title: Alameda CTC Rail Safety Enhancement Program - Phase A, Berkeley

Project Applicant: Alameda County Transportation Commission

Project Location (include county): Virginia Street and Hearst Avenue in Berkeley, Alameda County, California, 94710

Project Description: The project proposes safety improvements to two existing at-grade rail crossings on Virginia Street and Hearst Avenue in the City of Berkeley in Alameda County. The improvements are designed to increase safety for motorists and pedestrians. Currently the two crossings consist of two-lane roadways with parking on both sides, paved medians, sidewalks, and landscaping within the UPRR right-of-way. Single-arm gates are present in each direction of traffic. Safety improvements at both crossings include installation new security gates/fencing, medians, pavement markings, and roadside signals. Additional improvements include Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) detectable pavers, warning devices, "No Trespassing" signs, replacement of signal arms, and installation of new sidewalks.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project was considered and approved by the governing body of the lead agency (the Commission) at its meeting on May 25, 2023. At the Commission's meeting of June 26, 2025, the Commission approved the award of a contract to WSP USA Inc. for this project (and related projects also part of the Rail Safety Enhancement Program), and authorized its Executive Director or designee to execute such contract, thus fully committing the lead agency to carrying out the project. The Commission considered the previously approved MND for this project when acting to approve the award of this contract.

This is to advise that the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on May 25, 2023 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://www.alamedactc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Berkeley-HearstVirginia_MND.pdf

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Director of project Delivery and Construction
Date: 8/12/25 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.