

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: San Mateo

From: (Public Agency): _____
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Ave., San Carlos, CA 94070-1306

(Address)

Project Title: Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project

Project Applicant: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Project Location - Specific:

1.45 miles of Caltrain Corridor from north of Oxford Road to north of Oak Grove Avenue

Project Location - City: Burlingame Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to eliminate the safety and mobility issues posed by the existing at-grade crossing. The Broadway at-grade crossing of the Caltrain tracks is ranked by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) as the highest priority for improvements statewide.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

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: Class 4, CEQA Guidelines Section 15304
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080.13, Railroad grade separation projects

Reasons why project is exempt:

Replacing the existing at-grade crossing at Broadway with a grade separation is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code (CEQA Guidelines Article 18 § 15282), which provides exemption for any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation. See attachment for reasons for the Broadway Station Closure.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Bonny O'Connor Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 650-647-3061

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: Bonny O'Connor Date: 8/21/25 Title: Manager

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: _____

Notice of Exemption

To: County Clerk, County of San Mateo

From: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070

Project Title: Broadway Burlingame Grade Separation Project

Project Location: City of Burlingame, San Mateo County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Broadway Grade Separation Project is proposed by the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain) in cooperation with the City of Burlingame, San Mateo County. The project is located approximately 1.5 miles of the Caltrain corridor in Burlingame, between Oxford Road and Oak Grove Avenue. The Broadway at-grade crossing is designated as the highest priority for elimination statewide based on the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) safety-based prioritization methodology. The purpose of and need for the proposed project is to: (1) improve public safety by eliminating the existing at-grade railroad crossing at Broadway; and (2) modernize the Broadway station, including eliminating the hold-out rule and improving pedestrian/bicycle access to and within the station area. The project involves elevating the railroad and depressing roadways to provide the minimum clearance necessary for Broadway traffic under the railroad. This will involve reconstructing the railroad tracks on an elevated retaining wall structure and depressing Broadway, California Drive, and Carolan Avenue in the vicinity of the grade separation. The Broadway station will be reconstructed with an elevated central boarding platform, stairs, and Americans with Disability Act-compliant ramp access improvements.

The JPB Caltrain service currently crosses Broadway at-grade in the City of Burlingame. The existing train service at the Broadway station only occurs on weekends, with 16 stops running in each direction for a total of 32 daily stops each day, Saturday and Sunday. JPB is evaluating the environmental review needs in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a grade separation project at the Broadway intersection and Broadway station location. One alternative of the project would evaluate the railroad grade separation that eliminates an existing grade crossing and includes the closure and removal of the existing Broadway station from service (BBGS No Station Alternative). The BBSG No Station Alternative would remove the physical elements of the Broadway Station such as the platforms, accessory sheltered benches, and an at grade parking lot as well as the change of land use.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Name of Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Exemption Status: Statutory Exemption -§ 21080.13- Railroad grade separation projects and Categorical Exemption-Class 4 CEQA Guidelines Section 15304

Reasons why the Project is Exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code (CEQA Guidelines Article 18 § 15282), which provides exemption for any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation.

The BBGS No Station Alternative is categorically exempt from CEQA under the Class 4 exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, which applies to minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, or vegetation that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. The closure of the Broadway station involves minor alterations to the land, such as the removal of platforms and accessory structures and the weekend use of the station. These activities would not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as the minor vegetation that may be removed would be existing conventional ornamental landscaping around the existing parking lot. Closure of the Broadway station is consistent with the types of activities described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15304.

Lead Agency Contact Person:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benny O'Connor". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Date: August 21, 2025