

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:	<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of the Board of Supervisors or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: 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	FROM:	Public Agency/Lead Agency: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101 Contact: Heather Furey Director of Capital Projects Phone: (619) 557-4588 Email: heather.furey@sdmts.com
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TO:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research P. O. Box 3044 <input type="checkbox"/> 1400 Tenth Street, Rm. 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	Lead Agency (if different from above):	
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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 SCH):	SCH No. 2025091373	
Project Title: Rio Vista Platform Design Phase II Project		
Project Applicant: San Diego Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101 Contact: Heather Furey Director of Capital Projects Phone: (619) 557-4588 Email: heather.furey@sdmts.com		
Specific Project Location – Identify street address and cross street or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15’ or 7 ½’ topographical map identified by quadrangle name):		

The project site is in the City of San Diego located north of the I-8/Texas Street/Qualcomm way interchange in an urbanized area and consists of approximately 1.45 acres (Accessor Parcel Numbers 438-362-11-00 and 438-362-12-00) in the Mission Valley East neighborhood. (See attached map)

General Project Location (City and/or County): City of San Diego

Project Description:

On February 12, 2026, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 26-02 Approving and Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program under the California Environmental Quality Act for the Rio Vista Platform Design Phase II Project (“Project”) and Approving the Project. The Board also approved the Rio Vista Platform Design Phase II Project for implementation and authorized the Chief Executive Officer to execute Work Order Amendment No. WOA353-AE-09 under MTS Document No. PWL353.02-22 for additional engineering and design support during construction services and related right-of-way support.

The Project will retrofit existing infrastructure at the Rio Vista Platform station to enhance safety and ensure long-term structural stability. The Rio Vista Station, located north of the I-8/Texas Street/Qualcomm Way interchange, was originally constructed in 1999. The station’s retaining walls and platform have experienced settlement and movement due to a combination of factors, including loose surface materials, unsuitable wall backfill, and reinforcement slackening. To address these issues, the Project’s structural retrofits and site improvements will include installation of tie rods, tie-back anchors, cast-in-place wall replacement, and surface drainage enhancements. These measures are designed to stabilize the existing retaining walls and platform, ensuring continued safe operation of the Rio Vista Station. The project also includes related track replacement within the Rio Vista Station platform limits.

More specifically, the project area includes two Mechanically Stabilized Embankment retaining walls approximately 700 feet in length and up to 17 feet tall that run parallel to the trolley tracks. The platform itself is approximately 380 feet long. Construction activities will include retrofitting existing retaining walls using soil anchors, tie-back systems, and structural walers, as well as reconstructing the platform wall coping, station lighting, tree wells, and surface drainage features. Temporary construction access will be provided via a graded access road from the San Diego River Parkway. Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2026 and would take approximately 30 weeks to complete. All work would occur during daytime hours, and phased construction would be implemented to maintain trolley service throughout the project duration.

Identify the person or entity undertaking the project, including any private applicant, any other person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the project, and any person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the project.

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This is to advise that the (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on February 12, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | The project will have a significant effect on the environment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The project will NOT have a significant effect on the environment |

2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The determination that no further environmental review for the TOD project is required under CEQA reflects MTS's independent judgment and analysis.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were NOT made a condition of the approval of the project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for this project.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for this project.
5.	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for this project
6.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings were NOT made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
This Final Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and record of project approval is available to General Public at:		
Custodian:		Location:
Clerk of the Board Email: lucia.mansour@sdmts.com Phone: (619) 557-4588		San Diego Metropolitan Transit System 1255 Imperial Avenue Suite 1000 San Diego, CA 92101

Date: <u>3-20-2026</u>	Signature _____
	Name: <u>Heather Furey</u>
	Title: <u>Director, Capital Projects</u>
Date Received for Filing: _____	

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.