

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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 County Clerk
 County of: Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

From: (Public Agency): Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
2150 Webster Street, 3rd Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
 (Address)

Project Title: Capitol Corridor Right-of-Way Safety Improvement Program

Project Applicant: Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Project Location - Specific: Union Pacific Railroad ROW: Niles MP 6.8-35.0, Martinez MP 55.4 - 47.9 and 15.6 - 4.0

Project Location - City: Fairfield, Suisun City, Richmond, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland, San Leandro, Hayward, Union City, Fremont, Newark Project Location - County: Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will install security fencing in priority areas along the Capitol Corridor route where trespassing poses the greatest risk to service and local communities. Trespassing has serious safety and operational impacts, and the fencing is expected to reduce collisions with trespassers, enhancing safety for both the communities and the railroad.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority

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 1: Existing Facilities, Subsection C
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project qualifies for a Class 1(c) Categorical Exemption under CEQA because it involves the installation of security fencing along existing railroad rights-of-way. Class 1 covers the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use. The fencing enhances safety along the railroad without changing its operational function, footprint, or capacity. Since the project does not expand or intensify the railroad's use but rather provides a safety enhancement to existing facilities, it is consistent with the intent and scope of the Class 1 exemption.

Lead Agency
 Contact Person: Katherine Gosselin Engineer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 510-301-7613

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:  Date: 11/06/2025 Title: Managing Director
 Robert Padgette
 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: _____