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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): San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)
1250 San Carlos Avenue
San Carlos, CA 94070
(Address)

Project Title: SamTrans North Base Bay Trail Realignment

Project Applicant: San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

Project Location - Specific:
301 N Access Rd, South San Francisco, CA 94080

Project Location - City: South San Francisco Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SamTrans seeks to widen approximately 500 linear feet of the 8-foot-wide Bay Trail within the North Base, by extending the width of the trail 3- to 4-feet inland with stabilized decomposed granite. This decomposed granite paving would be impervious. The bay-ward side of the 500-foot section of the trail to be widened will be marked with striping to deter users from moving towards eroded shoreline areas. The existing exercise par course stations will be repaired and their finish will be restored. The existing picnic tables and benches will be resurfaced and repaired. Weeds and dead or dying plant material will be cleared.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

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: 15301 (c). Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project would be categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. As described above, the project would involve minor alterations to the San Francisco Bay Trail and includes widening the trail, restoration/repair of exercise equipment/picnic tables and benches, and the clearing weeds and dead or dying plant material.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bo Baney Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (650) 508-7792

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: Bo Baney Date: 10/21/2025 Title: Manager, Environmental & Sustainability Planning

☒ 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:

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San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

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San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)

EXEMPTION STATUS:
Categorical Exemption

REASON WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines, Class 1 projects that "consist of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public and private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination" are categorically exempt from CEQA. Pursuant to Section 15301(c), such projects may include "existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety)." The SamTrans North Base Bay Trail Realignment is consistent with this description.

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:

Bo Baney
Environmental and Sustainability Planning Manager
(650) 508-7792

Signature: Bo Baney Date: 10/21/2025