

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

12400 Imperial Highway

Norwalk, CA 90650

From: (Public Agency): Los Angeles County
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Metro Light Rail Transit and Washington/Flower Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Project Location - Specific: Downtown Los Angeles, Washington Boulevard/Flower Street, where the Metro A and E light rail transit lines merge into one set of tracks; 12th Street (from Figueroa Street to Grand Avenue), Flower Street (from 12th Street to Washington Boulevard), and Washington Boulevard (from Flower Street to Grand Avenue).

Project Location - City: Los Angeles Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Project consists of roadway and safety improvements along 12th Street, Flower Street, and Washington Boulevard, and LRT improvements for the Metro A and E Lines. Additional improvements include upgrades to traffic controllers at eight intersections along Flower Street (between Venice Boulevard and Washington Boulevard) and Washington Boulevard (between Maple Avenue and Hooper Avenue). All Project improvements would take place within the existing public right-of-way (ROW).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation 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: Section 15301 - Existing Facilities Class 1 (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Because the Project is intended to enhance safety, accessibility, and multimodal connectivity, and involves minor upgrades to existing transportation infrastructure within the public ROW, with no expansion of current use, it qualifies for a Class 1 categorical exemption under Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Tom Kefalas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-418-3370

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: [Signature] Date: 7/7/06 Title: EO ESK

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: _____

