

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: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): _____
Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main St., Orange, CA 92868

(Address)

Project Title: Harbor Boulevard Connected Bus Pilot

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

60 signalized intersections along the 12-mile Harbor Boulevard including OC Rapid 543 and 43 bus routes. See attached map for location details.

Project Location - City: various Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project aims to reduce bus delays, improve on-time performance, and maximize use of existing infrastructure without major roadway reconstruction. Project will include signal controller upgrades, pedestrian safety improvements such as countdown signals, and modernization of digital signage at bus stops.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

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 15302, Class 2
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

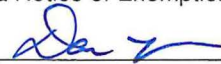
This project qualifies for a Class 2 Categorical Exemption since the project will consist of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. All work will occur within existing right of way.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Dan Phu Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5907

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: 1/19/2026 Title: Director, Plng & Analysis

☐ 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: _____

Harbor Boulevard TSP Deployment

