



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): DARC Lease Renewal - Omnitrans Electric Charging Infrastructure for sbX Green Line

DIST-CO-RTE: 08-SBD – 215 **PM/PM:** 13.8-14.0

EA: 0800001016 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The project site is located at Post Mile (PM) 13.8–14 near the northbound (NB) I-215/Palm Avenue off-ramp, within Caltrans right-of-way. The proposed project involves the renewal of an existing Airspace Lease Agreement to allow the continued use of the site for the E Street sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system and a park-and-ride facility.

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1(b).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

James L Camarillo		03/05/2026
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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Milele Robertson		03/05/2026
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Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity ()**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

NA		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: NA



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Continuation sheet:

Omnitrans seeks to renew their airspace lease within Caltrans right of way, between Interstate 215 (I-215) and Kendall Drive (APN reference: 0266-041-01-0000), in the city of San Bernardino. The airspace is currently used for E Street sbX Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and for a Park and Ride lot.

The following technical documentation was prepared in conjunction with determining and addressing applicable California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation and compliance requirements.

Biological Resources email – 02/24/2026

Cultural Resources email – 03/04/2026

Hazardous Waste/Material – 02/25/2026

Noise Study Memorandum - 02/25/2026

Air Quality Memorandum- 02/24/2026

Biological Resources email– 02/24/2026

The District Biologist review the Air Space request at Palm and Kendall. Biology is satisfied with the environmental compliance for this renewal lease agreement, and we have no objections to the lease renewal. This concludes the biological review of this encroachment permit as it pertains to Caltrans right of way.

Cultural Resources- Dated 05/22/2025

In coordination with the District Cultural Studies, no additional review for Cultural is required. Cultural is satisfied with the environmental compliance for this renewal lease agreement.

Hazardous Waste/Material- Dated 02/25/2026

The lease permit is recommended providing the permittee complies with the 2025 Caltrans Standard Specifications and all applicable standards, policies, codes, conditions, and regulations of the California Department of Transportation. Avoidance, and minimization measures

Noise Study Memorandum- Dated 02/25/2026.

Traffic noise impact is not predicted for this project scope under 23 CFR 772.7 per Traffic Noise Analysis Protocol. This project is determined to be Type III Category; therefore, a noise analysis is not required.



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Air Quality Memorandum- Dated 02/24/2026.

The scope of this project has been evaluated as an exempt project that falls under exempt project type listed under Table 1 of Caltrans Carbon Monoxide Protocol. The lease permit is recommended providing the permittee complies with the 2025 Caltrans Standard Specifications and all applicable standards, policies, codes, conditions, and regulations of the California Department of Transportation.