

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Contra Costa Transportation Authority
2999 Oak Road, Suite 100
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa County
1025 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

(Address)

Project Title: Lamorinda Smart Signal System Project

Project Applicant: Contra Costa Transportation Authority

Project Location - Specific:

Multiple intersections within the City of Orinda, City of Lafayette, and Town of Moraga

Project Location - City: Orinda, Lafayette, Moraga Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project will enable the City of Orinda to upgrade the region of Lamorinda which includes the cities of Lafayette, Moraga and Orinda to a smart signal system that can: synchronize signals with each other and optimize traffic flow to smooth congestion; prioritize transit and emergency vehicles as needed; reduce emissions; use video detection and analytics to proactively identify "near miss" situations (for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians) and report those back to a traffic management center to aid in efforts to reach countywide Vision Zero goals; and facilitate the exchange of real-time information that will be essential to support future emerging technologies included connected and automated vehicles.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa Transportation Authority

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Contra Costa 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: Categorical Exemption - Section 15301, Class 1(c), 1(d), 1(f)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical Exemption is applicable to operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Upgrades of the signals are existing facilities upgraded with new equipment to provide the same functions.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jay Zhang Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 925-256-4750

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: *Jay Zhang* Date: 3/16/2026 Title: Associate Engineer

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: _____