

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans)
1250 San Carlos Ave, San Carlos, CA 94070

County Clerk
County of: San Mateo

(Address)

Project Title: North Base Fire Main Replacement

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:

The SamTrans North Base supports all of the maintenance and repair needs of the San Mateo County Transit District's bus fleet, and is made up of multiple facilities that serve specific roles, such as break inspection, tire replacement, bus washing, etc. Three of these facilities are connected to both fire water and domestic water service, while another three are only connected to domestic water service. The water lines are at the end of life. The firewater line has suffered multiple leaks, causing it to be removed from service. This project intends to replace approximately 5,000 linear feet total of underground piping comprising both the fire water and domestic water lines, with connections from the existing backflow preventers to the existing connection points at each facility. Existing fire hydrants would likewise be replaced with new hydrants.

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. Existing Facilities (d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

Pursuant to Section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines, Class 1 projects that involve the "operation, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use" are categorically exempt from CEQA. Pursuant to Section 15301(d), The SamTrans North Base Fire Main Replacement is consistent with this description.

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:  Date: 3/31/2026 Title: Manager, Environmental 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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EXEMPTION STATUS:

Categorical Exemption

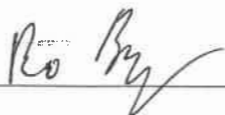
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Bo Baney
Environmental and Sustainability Planning Manager
(650) 508-7792

Signature: _____



Date: _____

3/31/2026