

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: San Luis Obispo

1055 Monterey Street Room D120

San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

From: (Public Agency): San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
1114 Marsh Street

San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

(Address)

Project Title: Serrano Siding Improvements Project

Project Applicant: San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Project Location - Specific:

MP 238.8 MP 240.1

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: San Luis Obispo

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would upgrade the turnouts and siding speeds of the existing, uncontrolled Serrano Siding to improve safety, reliability, and train meet efficiency of the current Amtrak Coast Starlight trains, freight, and more regular passenger rail frequencies along the Central Coast Rail Corridor.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: San Luis Obispo Council of Governments

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: _____

☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: §21080(b)(10)[15275(a)]

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project has been determined to qualify for a Statutory Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15275(a) [PRC§21080(b)(10)] since the project would support mass transit passenger rail operations conducted by the Amtrak Coast Starlight on a rail line already in use. The project would facilitate with improving efficiency and service reliability.

Lead Agency

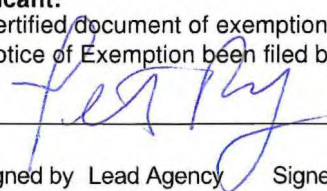
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If filed by applicant:

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: 8/6/26 Title: Executive Director

☐ 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: _____