

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Orange

601 N. Ross Street

Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): OCTA

550 S Main St

Orange, CA 92868

(Address)

Project Title: Santa Ana Bus Base Hydrogen Fueling Replacement and Capacity Expansion Project

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

4301 W MacArthur Blvd, Santa Ana, CA 92704

Project Location - City: Santa Ana Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) will modernize the existing hydrogen fueling system at the Santa Ana Bus Base to support the agency's growing fleet of zero-emission hydrogen fuel-cell electric buses. The project supports OCTA's long-term transition to a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2040.

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: 15061(b)(3), 15302

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will modernize the existing facility, and activities would include the repair, replacement and minor expansion of existing infrastructure within the project site. Modernization efforts would be located on the same site and would serve the same purpose as the existing facility. Further, the project has no potential to cause a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

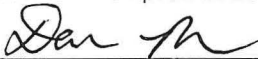
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If filed by applicant:

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: 8/24/2026 Title: Director, Strategic 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: _____