Notice Of Exemption

To: ☐ **Office of Planning and Research**
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From: Los Angeles Harbor Department
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
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☑ **County Clerk**
County of Los Angeles

Project Title: ABL Drill Track Agreement - Joint Letter of Consent

Project Location - Specific: Alameda Corridor Drill Track Segments

Project Location - City: Los Angeles **Project Location - County:** Los Angeles

Description of Project:

This action is the approval of a Joint Letter of Consent (JLOC) between the City of Los Angeles Harbor Department (Harbor Department), the Port of Long Beach (POLB), the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA), and the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) (collectively referred to as "Parties") which provides consent for UP to assign their existing rights and obligations to Alameda Belt Line (ABL) pursuant to the contractual terms of the Alameda Corridor Drill Track Use and Operating Agreement (Drill Track Agreement) dated December 31, 2002. This consent action does not otherwise modify, waive, or impact any provisions under the Drill Track Agreement, the Alameda Corridor Amended Use and Operating Agreement, or the applicable duties and obligations of Federal law and the Surface Transportation Board's regulation of rail and its operations. These rights will be assigned under a separate third- party Agreement between UP and ABL. The third- party agreement will not include the Harbor Department and therefore will require no future action by the Harbor Department.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Los Angeles Harbor Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad Company and Alameda Belt Line

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: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Article II Section 2(f)

Reasons why project is exempt:

Continuing administrative, maintenance, and personnel- related activities; The action approves a joint letter of consent for an agreement which consists of the 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sarah Workman **Area Code/ Telephone/ Extension:** 310 732-3675

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: Lisa Wunder **Date:** 11/18/2026 **Title:** Director of Environmental Management

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: