

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk
County of: Marin
3501 Civic Center Drive #234
San Rafael, CA 94903

From: (Public Agency): Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
5401 Old Redwood Highway, Suite 200
Petaluma, CA 94954
(Address)

Project Title: SMART Freight Rail State of Good Repair
Project Applicant: Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit District (SMART)
Project Location - Specific:

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MARIN COUNTY CLERK
BY: L. VAUTER Deputy

Project Location - City: Novato, Unincorporated Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

SMART proposes to perform capitalized maintenance per the SMART Maintenance of Way Plan to the SMART-owned Brazos branch rail line to ensure continued operation of the railroad within Marin County between SMART's Mainline in Novato and Sonoma County (MP B-25.8 to MP B-49.8). The proposed project includes capitalized maintenance to the track, grade crossings and bridges within the existing railroad footprint.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit District (SMART)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit District (SMART)

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: Class 2, 15301 restoration of damaged structures
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under State CEQA Guidelines section 15301 for the restoration of damaged structures. The proposed project would perform capitalized maintenance to ensure continued operations of freight rail services with track, crossings and bridges that meet Federal Railroad Administration standards. The project is additionally exempt under section 15302 for replacement of existing structures completed in-kind and within the existing railroad footprint.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Emily Betts Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-794-3330

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: Emily Betts Date: 4/17/23 Title: Planning Manager

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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