

Notice of Exemption

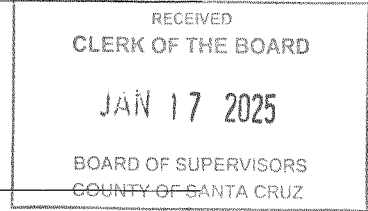
Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)
110 Vernon St
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

County Clerk
County of: Santa Cruz

(Address)



Project Title: Workforce Development Training for Hydrogen Buses

Project Applicant: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District

Project Location - Specific:
110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Workforce Development (WFD) program is a component of Santa Cruz METRO's Zero Emission Intercity Transit Service Expansion Project, funded by Cycle 6 of the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) grant, which will expand intercity transit service, increase transit ridership through a better customer experience, and support the statewide transition to zero-emission vehicles. This program will train METRO staff on the proper use of our newly procured hydrogen fuel cell buses. The sole expenditure under this WFD component will be on-call training hours with New Flyer. This training will be conducted at 110 Vernon Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO)

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)(2), 15322(a),
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The Workforce Development component of Santa Cruz METRO's Zero Emission Intercity Transit Service Expansion Project will include training of METRO staff on the proper use of newly procured hydrogen fuel cell buses, with New Flyer conducting the training. METRO is subject to, and in compliance with, the California Air Resource Board Innovative Clean Transit Standards. This project does not constitute a project under CEQA because the activities amount to adoption of training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected [per CEQA Guidelines Section 15322(a)] and are not subject to CEQA [CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(2)].

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Corey Aldridge Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (831) 420-2501

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: [Signature] Date: 1/16/2025 Title: CEO/General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 1/17 2025 AND ENDING 2/21 2025