



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address		Block/Lot(s)
SFMTA - Muni Service Changes for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020		/
Case No.		Permit No.
2018-002870ENV		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addition/ Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition (requires HRE for Category B Building)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
<p>Project description for Planning Department approval.</p> <p>The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) proposes to approve the SFMTA's Title VI Service Equity Analysis, which would authorize planned service changes for the Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020. These service changes include frequency changes through increases in Muni Light Rail Service, increases in Muni Bus Service, and decreases in Muni Bus Service on certain existing routes throughout the City. The service changes also include service span changes and vehicle changes from 40-foot vehicles to 60-foot vehicles on certain existing routes. Please refer to the attached SFMTA memorandum for a full description of planned service changes.</p> <p>Increases in Muni Light Rail Service and on certain Muni Bus routes are Statutorily Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080 (b) (10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275 Specified Mass Transit Projects: CEQA does not apply to the institution or increase of passenger or commuter service on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use, including the modernization of existing stations and parking facilities. For the purpose of this paragraph, "highway" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 360 of the Vehicle Code. Decreases in Muni Bus Service, Service Span Changes, and Vehicle Changes are Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1: 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 use.</p>		

STEP 1: EXEMPTION CLASS

Note: If neither class applies, an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i> is required.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Class 1 - Existing Facilities. Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft. ; change of use under 10,000 sq. ft.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 3 - New Construction. Up to three new single-family residences or six dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Class 32 - In-Fill Development. New Construction of seven or more units or additions greater than 10,000 sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below:</p> <p>(a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.</p> <p>(b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.</p> <p>(c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered rare or threatened species.</p> <p>(d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.</p> <p>(e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.</p> <p>FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING USE ONLY</p>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Class ____</p> <p>Statutorily Exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080 (b) (10) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15275 Specified Mass Transit Projects. Categorical Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1</p>

STEP 2: CEQA IMPACTS
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

<p>If any box is checked below, an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i> is required.</p>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Air Quality: Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities within an Air Pollution Exposure Zone? Does the project have the potential to emit substantial pollutant concentrations (e.g., backup diesel generators, heavy industry, diesel trucks, etc.)? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Air Pollution Exposure Zone)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Hazardous Materials: If the project site is located on the Maher map or is suspected of containing hazardous materials (based on a previous use such as gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing, or a site with underground storage tanks): Would the project involve 50 cubic yards or more of soil disturbance - or a change of use from industrial to residential? If yes, this box must be checked and the project applicant must submit an Environmental Application with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment. <i>Exceptions: do not check box if the applicant presents documentation of enrollment in the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) Maher program, a DPH waiver from the Maher program, or other documentation from Environmental Planning staff that hazardous material effects would be less than significant (refer to EP_ArcMap > Maher layer).</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Transportation: Does the project create six (6) or more net new parking spaces or residential units? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Archeological Resources: Would the project result in soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in a non -archeological sensitive area? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Archeological Sensitive Area)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment: Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot line adjustment on a lot with a slope average of 20% or more? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Slope = or > 20%: Does the project involve any of the following: (1) square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint, (2) excavation of 50 cubic yards or more of soil, (3) new construction? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Topography) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Seismic: Landslide Zone: Does the project involve any of the following: (1) square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint, (2) excavation of 50 cubic yards or more of soil, (3) new construction? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones) If box is checked, a geotechnical report is required.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Seismic: Liquefaction Zone: Does the project involve any of the following: (1) square footage expansion greater than 1,000 sq. ft. outside of the existing building footprint, (2) excavation of 50 cubic yards or more of soil, (3) new construction? (refer to EP_ArcMap > CEQA Catex Determination Layers > Seismic Hazard Zones) If box is checked, a geotechnical report will likely be required.</p>
<p>If no boxes are checked above, GO TO STEP 3. If one or more boxes are checked above, an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i> is required, unless reviewed by an Environmental Planner.</p>	
<p>Comments and Planner Signature (optional): Sherie George</p> <p>Proposed minor decreases in the frequency Muni Bus Service on selected existing routes would not substantially affect transit capacity for the subject routes as ridership has decreased in 2017. Please refer to SFMTA memorandum for a full project description and details of analysis of planned service changes.</p>	

**STEP 3: PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: (refer to Parcel Information Map)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category A: Known Historical Resource. GO TO STEP 5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category B: Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 4.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age). GO TO STEP 6.

**STEP 4: PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

Check all that apply to the project.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Change of use and new construction. Tenant improvements not included.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Regular maintenance or repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Window replacement that meets the Department's <i>Window Replacement Standards</i> . Does not include storefront window alterations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Garage work. A new opening that meets the <i>Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts</i> , and/or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Deck, terrace construction, or fences not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Mechanical equipment installation that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under <i>Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Addition(s) that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.
Note: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project is not listed. GO TO STEP 5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project does not conform to the scopes of work. GO TO STEP 5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves four or more work descriptions. GO TO STEP 5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves less than four work descriptions. GO TO STEP 6.

**STEP 5: CEQA IMPACTS - ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

Check all that apply to the project.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Project involves a known historical resource (CEQA Category A) as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to proposed work checklist in Step 4.
<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Interior alterations to publicly accessible spaces.
<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Window replacement of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are consistent with existing historic character.
<input type="checkbox"/>	4. Façade/storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	5. Raising the building in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6. Restoration based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.

<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Addition(s) , including mechanical equipment that are minimally visible from a public right-of-way and meet the <i>Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	8. Other work consistent with the <i>Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties</i> (specify or add comments):
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Other work that would not materially impair a historic district (specify or add comments): (Requires approval by Senior Preservation Planner/Preservation Coordinator)
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Reclassification of property status. (Requires approval by Senior Preservation Planner/Preservation <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category A <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category C a. Per HRER dated (attach HRER) b. Other (specify):
Note: If ANY box in STEP 5 above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST check one box below.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Further environmental review required. Based on the information provided, the project requires an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i> to be submitted. GO TO STEP 6.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project can proceed with categorical exemption review. The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with categorical exemption review. GO TO STEP 6.
Comments (optional):	
Preservation Planner Signature:	

**STEP 6: CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION
TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Further environmental review required. Proposed project does not meet scopes of work in either (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Step 2 - CEQA Impacts <input type="checkbox"/> Step 5 - Advanced Historical Review STOP! Must file an <i>Environmental Evaluation Application</i>.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No further environmental review is required. The project is categorically exempt under CEQA. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect.	
	Project Approval Action: SFMTA Board	Signature: Sherie George
	If Discretionary Review before the Planning Commission is requested, the Discretionary Review hearing is the Approval Action for the project.	03/01/2018
	Once signed or stamped and dated, this document constitutes a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code. In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of an exemption determination can only be filed within 30 days of the project receiving the first approval action. Please note that other approval actions may be required for the project. Please contact the assigned planner for these approvals.	

STEP 7: MODIFICATION OF A CEQA EXEMPT PROJECT

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROJECT PLANNER

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, when a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exempt project changes after the Approval Action and requires a subsequent approval, the Environmental Review Officer (or his or her designee) must determine whether the proposed change constitutes a substantial modification of that project. This checklist shall be used to determine whether the proposed changes to the approved project would constitute a "substantial modification" and, therefore, be

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2018-002870PRJ		
Plans Dated	Previous Approval Action	New Approval Action
	Other (please specify)	
Modified Project Description:		

DETERMINATION IF PROJECT CONSTITUTES SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

Compared to the approved project, would the modified project:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Result in expansion of the building envelope, as defined in the Planning Code;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Result in the change of use that would require public notice under Planning Code Sections 311 or 312;
<input type="checkbox"/>	Result in demolition as defined under Planning Code Section 317 or 19005(f)?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is any information being presented that was not known and could not have been known at the time of the original determination, that shows the originally approved project may no longer qualify for the exemption?
If at least one of the above boxes is checked, further environmental review is required.	

DETERMINATION OF NO SUBSTANTIAL MODIFICATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	The proposed modification would not result in any of the above changes.
If this box is checked, the proposed modifications are categorically exempt under CEQA, in accordance with prior project approval and no additional environmental review is required. This determination shall be posted on the Planning Department website and office and mailed to the applicant, City approving entities, and anyone requesting written notice.	
Planner Name:	Signature or Stamp:



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ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION APPLICATION COVER MEMO - PUBLIC PROJECTS ONLY

In accordance with Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code, an appeal of an exemption determination can only be filed within 30 days of the project receiving the first approval action.

Please attach this memo along with all necessary materials to the Environmental Evaluation Application.

Project Address and/or Title:	
Project Approval Action:	
Will the approval action be taken at a noticed public hearing? <input type="checkbox"/> YES* <input type="checkbox"/> NO * If YES is checked, please see below.	

IF APPROVAL ACTION IS TAKEN AT A NOTICED PUBLIC HEARING, INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR LANGUAGE:

End of Calendar: CEQA Appeal Rights under Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code If the Commission approves an action identified by an exemption or negative declaration as the Approval Action (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA decision prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Department’s Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained on-line at <http://sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3447>. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Individual calendar items: This proposed action is the Approval Action as defined by S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31.

THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED:

- 2 sets of plans (11x17)
- Project description
- Photos of proposed work areas/project site
- Necessary background reports (specified in EEA)



Date: February 28, 2018
To: Sherie George, San Francisco Planning Department
From: Sean Kennedy, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Through: Melinda Hue, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Re: Planned Service Changes for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors (Board) proposes to approve the SFMTA's Title VI Service Equity Analysis which would authorize the following service changes:

Frequency Changes

Increases in Muni Light Rail Service

- **J Church weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the J Church will increase from 9 minutes to 8 minutes.
- **K Ingleside weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the K Ingleside will increase from 8.5 minutes to 8 minutes.
- **L Taraval weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the L Taraval will increase from 9 minutes to 8 minutes.
- **M Ocean View weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the M Ocean View will increase from 9 minutes to 8 minutes.
- **N Judah weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the N Judah will increase from 7 minutes to 4 minutes.

Increases in Muni Bus Service

- **12 Folsom weekday frequency.** All-day frequency on the 12 Folsom will increase through the addition of two additional buses.
- **29 Sunset weekday frequency.** All-day frequency on the 29 Sunset will increase through the addition of two additional buses.
- **44 O'Shaughnessy weekday frequency.** All-day frequency on the 44 O'Shaughnessy will increase through the addition of 1 additional bus.
- **56 Rutland weekday frequency.** All-day frequency on the 56 Rutland will increase from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

Decreases in Muni Bus Service

- **1 California weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the 1 California will decrease from 3 minutes to 4 minutes. (Ridership has decreased by two percent since Fall of 2017, and the proposed decrease in frequency would not substantially affect capacity.)

- **30 Stockton long weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM peak frequency on the 30 Stockton long line will decrease from 8 minutes to 10 minutes. (While a decrease in frequency is proposed, the vehicle changes proposed for this line as described below under “vehicle changes” would result in an increase in capacity.)
- **41 Union weekday peak frequency.** Weekday AM and PM peak frequency on the 41 Union will decrease from 5 minutes to 6 minutes. (Ridership has decreased by 16 percent since Fall of 2017 and the proposed decrease in frequency would not substantially affect capacity.)

Service span changes

- **48 Quintara-24th St service span.** Service between West Portal Station and Great Highway and Rivera currently operates on weekdays 6:30-9am and 3-6:30pm. Service would be provided between West Portal Station and Great Highway and Rivera on weekdays between 6:30am to 6:30pm.

Vehicle changes

- **9 San Bruno vehicles:** The 9 San Bruno will switch from 40’ to 60’ vehicles all day.
- **30 Stockton long line vehicles:** The 30 Stockton line will switch from 40’ to 60’ vehicles all day on the long line (to the Marina terminal).

CEQA DETERMINATION

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2/28/18

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Date

San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency