

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

County Clerk

County of: Riverside

From: (Public Agency): Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)
P.O. Box 1208

Riverside, CA 92502-2208

(Address) SCH # 3002100427

Project Title: Perris Valley Line Double Track Project

Project Applicant: RCTC

Project Location - Specific:

Along Metrolink 91/Perris Valley Line between MP 74.9 and MP 81.4 in Perris, CA

Project Location - City: Moreno Valley and Perris Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

RCTC, in partnership with the Southern California Regional Rail Authority (SCRRA, Metrolink), are proposing to upgrade approximately 6.5 miles of a second main track to passenger rail standards. In June 2016, RCTC and SCRRA began operations of the commuter rail service on a 24-mile extension of the Metrolink 91 Line, now referred to as the 61/Perris Valley Line (91/PVL). Partner with the current Moreno Valley/Harsh Field Station Project, this Project will provide the PVL with a continuous double track corridor between Control Point (CP) Eastridge and CP Nuovo, a total of 8 miles. The Project will be rehabilitating 6.5 miles of existing track (rail, ties, ballast); removing and replacing existing switch and turnouts; installing new signal system and interacting into Metrolink Positive Control network. The Project benefits will increase ridership and enhance reliable safe service by expanding capacity for bi-directional peak period service towards a minimum 30 minute service frequency while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: RCTC

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: David Lewis, RCTC

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines Article 18 Section 15275 (a)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(10) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15275, both of which exempt projects that relate to the "institution or increase of passenger or commuter services on rail or highway rights-of-way already in use, including modernization of existing stations." Here, the project falls within this exemption as it seeks to modernize the existing double track PVL which is already in use. Moreover, the project would add operational flexibility for eventual improved safe regional rail and mobility service, which will support increased capacity. The project is therefore exempt from CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Lewis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (951) 787-7970

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: David Lewis Digitally signed by David Lewis
Date: 2022.10.20 09:26:11 -0700

Date: 10/24/22

Title: Capital Projects 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.

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