



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
 California Environmental Quality Act
Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Contra Costa County
 Department of Conservation and
 Development
 30 Muir Road
 Martinez, CA 94553

Contra Costa County Clerk-Recorder
 555 Escobar Street
 Martinez, CA 94553

Project Name/File No.: Adopt Ordinance adjusting transportation mitigation fees and update the project list for the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program/Ordinance No. 2019-10 and Resolution No. 2019/123.

Project Applicant/Sponsor Name and Address: Contra Costa County.

Project Location/Address/APN: WCCTAC Boundaries include unincorporated portions of western Contra Costa County, as well as the Cities of El Cerrito, Hercules, Pinole, Richmond and San Pablo.

Project Description: The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) is a joint exercise of powers agency separate from its member agencies. Contra Costa County is a member agency of WCCTAC. In 1997, WCCTAC established the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) to impose fees on new development to fund regional transportation and transit-related improvements within WCCTAC's jurisdiction. Member agencies adopt STMP fees to be imposed within their jurisdictions, consisted with WCCTAC's nexus study. Fee revenues are transferred to WCCTAC, and WCCTAC is responsible for approving and implementing improvements.

This project involves the County's approval of "2019 Nexus Update of the Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) Impact Fee," and the adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-10, Resolution No. 2019/123, and related approvals, to adjust WCCTAC transportation mitigation fees charged to new development in unincorporated areas of WCCTAC's jurisdiction. The fees are imposed on new development to fund new development's proportional share of transportation and transit improvements needed to mitigate the impacts of development within WCCTAC through March 31, 2040. The fees will be used to fund specific improvements as more particularly detailed in the nexus study.

Public Agency Approving Project: Contra Costa County.

Project Approval/Adoption Date: July 1st 2019.

Exemption(s):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial Project (§ 21080[b][1]; 15268) | <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption (§) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declared Emergency (§ 21080[b][3]; 15269[a]) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Common Sense Exemption (§ 15061[b][3]) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Project (§ 21080[b][4]; 15269[b][c]) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Statutory Exemption (§) |

Reasons why project is exempt: This project involves the approval of fees only and does not include approval of any improvements to be funded with the fees. Consequently, this activity is not a project under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(4), or, alternatively, is exempt from CEQA under the "Common Sense Exemption," pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061[b][3] because it can be seen with certainty that this project, on its own, will not have a significant effect on the environment, as future discretionary approvals are required before any WCCTAC improvements can be carried out using fee revenues.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mary Halle

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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:

Teelma B. Morena

Date:

4/4/2019

Title:

Principal Planner

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on _____ I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

Title

County CEQA Fees

County Clerk-Recorder - \$50

Conservation and Development - \$25

Total Due: _____

Receipt #: _____

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