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**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

(California Environmental Quality Act Section 15062)

Filing of this form is optional. If filed, the form shall be filed with the County Clerk, 12400 E. Imperial Highway, Norwalk, CA 90650, pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152 (b). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21167 (d), the filing of this notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project. Failure to file this notice with the County Clerk results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days.

LEAD CITY AGENCY <b>City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation</b>	COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2, 11 & 15
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PROJECT TITLE <b>Bus Stop Solar Transit Pole System</b>	COUNCIL FILE NO: N/A
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PROJECT LOCATION  
Two-Hundred City of Los Angeles DASH Bus Stops.

DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:  
**The funding and installation of solar powered lighting systems for bus stops in the city of Los Angeles.**

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT, IF OTHER THAN LEAD CITY AGENCY:  
N/A

CONTACT PERSON Elizabeth Winter	AREA CODE (213) 972 - 8459	TELEPHONE NUMBER	EXT.
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EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

	STATE CEQA GUIDELINES	CITY CEQA GUIDELINES
<input type="checkbox"/> MINISTERIAL	Sec. 15268	Art. II, Sec. 2b
<input type="checkbox"/> DECLARED EMERGENCY	Sec. 15269	Art. II, Sec. 2a (1)
<input type="checkbox"/> EMERGENCY PROJECT	Sec. 15269 (b) & (c)	Art. II, Sec. 2a (2) & (3)
<input type="checkbox"/> GENERAL EXEMPTION	Sec. 15060.	n/a
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION	Sec. 15300 <i>et seq.</i>	Art. III, Sec. 1

Class   1   Category        Existing Facilities        (City CEQA Guidelines)

OTHER                    [as applicable. Most often a Statutory Exemption]

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT EXEMPTION:  
The project is exempt under *City CEQA Guidelines* and Section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

The solar powered lighting systems will be installed on existing city of Los Angeles DASH bus stops. Per article 19, section 15301 existing facilities of the CEQA guidelines, the lighting system is a safety device for use in conjunction with existing infrastructure.

See Attached narrative (**Attachment A**) for further discussion.

IF FILED BY APPLICANT, ATTACH CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING

SIGNATURE <i>Elizabeth Winter</i>	TITLE Supervising Transportation Planner	DATE <b>7-16-24</b>
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FEE:	RECEIPT NO.	REC'D. BY	DATE
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DISTRIBUTION: (1) County Clerk, (2) City Clerk, (3) Agency Record

## **Attachment A**

### **Bus Stop Solar Transit Pole System**

#### **I. Project Description**

The project is the funding and installation of 200 solar powered lighting systems for existing LA Dash bus stops in the neighborhoods of Sun Valley, Watts, and Sawtelle. The solar powered safety lighting is compatible with LADOT's existing infrastructure. In order to reduce installation time, the lighting system will be mounted on existing bus stop sign posts and will not require installing new poles or related civil infrastructure. LADOT is choosing to install bus stop safety lighting as a means to further LADOT's goals to provide safe access to public transportation.

#### **II. Project History**

In June 2021, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) completed a gender equity transportation study for the neighborhoods of Sun Valley, Watts, and Sawtelle. Research staff noted a deficiency of safe, convenient, and accessible infrastructure for commuters during off-peak travel hours. This results in a disenfranchised community where residents encounter increased barriers for economic development. This observation is prevalent in communities with black, indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC). A solution to aid commuters when traveling during off-peak or evening hours is the presence of bus stop safety lighting.

#### **III. Environmental Review**

##### **Basis for Categorical Exemption**

The improvement to existing LA DASH bus stops qualifies for categorical exemption under section 15301, Class 1, since the project consists of activities designed to promote transportation safety, security, accessibility, and effective communication within existing structures in the right-of-way.