



SFMTA
Municipal
Transportation
Agency

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Not a project under CEQA Guidelines
Section 15060(c) and 15378 because
there is no direct or indirect physical
change in the environment.

- Jeanie Poling 11/5/14

Dear Ms. Poling:

The SFMTA is seeking environmental clearance for the procurement of replacement and expansion of the existing bus fleet. As part of its regular daily passenger transit service, the SFMTA operates a fleet of 367 40-foot diesel/diesel hybrid buses and 124 60-foot diesel buses. Vehicles in service operate 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. These vehicles typically have a useful life of 12 years and some of these vehicles have reached or are near the end of their useful life.

Under the planned procurement, the SFMTA will purchase up to 200 new 40-foot hybrid buses and 224 60-foot hybrid buses, together with associated services, spare parts, special tools, training and documentation. The procurement will be phased over the next five years. The new buses are expected to have a 12-year life, which assumes that the cars will undergo a mid-life overhaul. SFMTA requires new buses for five reasons:

- (1) 186 40-foot hybrid buses to replace the straight diesel buses that have reached or will reach the end of their useful life over the next five years;
- (2) 14 40-foot buses to meet the demand for expanded service in accordance with the Transit Effectiveness Project (TEP);
- (3) 124 60-foot buses to replace the straight diesel buses that have reached or will reach the end of their useful life over the next five years;
- (4) 100 60-foot buses to meet the demand for expanded service in accordance with the TEP; and
- (5) To replace the old straight diesel propulsion system with the new more fuel-efficient hybrid technology propulsion system.

These buses will be housed at the Woods, Kirkland, Islais Creek and Flynn facilities.

We believe this project to be exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guidelines 15301 Class 1 (e) and 15275.

Thank you for your review of this request. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Elson Hao, the project manager, at 401-3196.

Sincerely,

Gerald Robbins
Transportation Planning Manager

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