



CEQA Exemption Determination

PROPERTY INFORMATION/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Address		Block/Lot(s)
SFO: Terminal 3 West Infill Project		
Case No.		Permit No.
2023-011487ENV		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addition/ Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition (requires HRE for Category B Building)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
Project description for Planning Department approval. The City and County of San Francisco, by and through the San Francisco Airport Commission, proposes to renovate and expand a portion of Terminal 3 West (proposed project) at San Francisco International Airport (SFO or the Airport). The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate modern passenger and security screening activities, implement facility mechanical system upgrades, and structurally improve the building pursuant to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) standards. The proposed project would add approximately 145,000 gross square feet to the central back side of Terminal 3 (on the east side of the Boarding Area F connector) to enhance passenger processing areas. The proposed project would include expansion and renovation of Terminal 3 to modernize existing interior spaces including holdrooms, horizontal and vertical circulation for passengers; expand and realign passenger processing and security screening checkpoint areas; upgrade building mechanical systems; and enhance structural stability to meet ASCE building standards. An existing aircraft parking position and associated gate would be realigned to accommodate the proposed project; however, no additional aircraft parking positions or gates are proposed. The proposed project would improve overall passenger level-of-service by providing additional FULL PROJECT DESCRIPTION ATTACHED		

EXEMPTION TYPE

The project has been determined to be exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 1 - Existing Facilities. (CEQA Guidelines section 15301) Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq. ft.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Class 3 - New Construction. (CEQA Guidelines section 15303) Up to three new single-family residences or six dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures; utility extensions; change of use under 10,000 sq. ft. if principally permitted or with a CU.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Class 32 - In-Fill Development. (CEQA Guidelines section 15332) New Construction of seven or more units or additions greater than 10,000 sq. ft. and meets the conditions described below: (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. (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than 5 acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered rare or threatened species. (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3)). It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING ASSESSMENT

Comments:

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

Planner Signature: Don Lewis

PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORIC RESOURCE

PROPERTY IS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Category A: Known Historical Resource.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Category B: Potential Historical Resource (over 45 years of age).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible (under 45 years of age).

PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST

Check all that apply to the project.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Change of use and new construction. Tenant improvements not included.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular maintenance or repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to building.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Window replacement that meets the Department's <i>Window Replacement Standards</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Garage work. A new opening that meets the <i>Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts</i> , or replacement of a garage door in an existing opening that meets the Residential Design Guidelines.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deck, terrace construction, or fences not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mechanical equipment installation that is not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under <i>Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3: Dormer Windows</i> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Addition(s) not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150 feet in each direction; or does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure, or does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Façade or storefront alterations that do not remove, alter, or obscure character -defining features.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Restoration based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition , such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.

Note: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Project is not listed.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves scope of work listed above.

ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW

Check all that apply to the project.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Reclassification of property status. (<i>Attach HRER Part I relevant analysis; requires Principal Preservation Planner approval</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category A <input type="checkbox"/> Reclassify to Category C <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks Historic Integrity <input type="checkbox"/> Lacks Historic Significance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project involves a known historical resource (CEQA Category A)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project does not substantially impact character-defining features of a historic resource (see Comments)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project is compatible, yet differentiated, with a historic resource.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
Note: If ANY box above is checked, a Preservation Planner MUST sign below.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project can proceed with EXEMPTION REVIEW. The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with exemption review.
Comments by Preservation Planner:	
Preservation Planner Signature:	

EXEMPTION DETERMINATION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No further environmental review is required. The project is exempt under CEQA. There are no unusual circumstances that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect.	
	Project Approval Action: Airport Chief Development Officer's issuance of informal notice to proceed	Signature: Don Lewis 01/09/2024
	Supporting documents are available for review on the San Francisco Property Information Map, which can be accessed at https://sfplanninggis.org/pim/ . Individual files can be viewed by clicking on the Planning Applications link, clicking the "More Details" link under the project's environmental record number (ENV) and then clicking on the "Related Documents" link. Once signed and dated, this document constitutes an exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the SF Admin Code. Per Chapter 31, an appeal of an exemption determination to the Board of Supervisors shall be filed within 30 days after the Approval Action occurs at a noticed public hearing, or within 30 days after posting on the Planning Department's website a written decision or written notice of the Approval Action, if the approval is not made at a noticed public hearing.	

Full Project Description

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The proposed project would improve overall passenger level-of-service by providing additional terminal space to accommodate passenger amenities, passenger processing and queuing areas, and passenger circulation within the terminal; and upgrade the Airport's mechanical systems.

Construction of the proposed project would include demolition of the airside wall of the Terminal 3 West concourse as well as interior portions of the post-security area, including passenger boarding and circulation areas, administration, and mechanical areas. Construction staging would occur adjacent to the proposed project area, where the immediate secure airside area would be fenced/secured to be converted to landside. During construction, aircraft in the immediate area would be accommodated at other contact gates. The proposed addition would be supported by about 30 piles driven to a depth of 70 to 75 feet.

Environmental Screening Comments (Continued)

The proposed development would occur on Airport property within an area of less than five acres and would be surrounded by existing, developed terminal uses.

Construction of the proposed project would generate localized noise, but the effect on sensitive receptors (e.g., residences located west of US Highway 101, which are over 1,500 feet from the project site) would be limited given the level of ambient noise associated with the Airport, aircraft operations, and the US Highway 101 transportation corridor.

On January 2, 2024, planning department staff archeologist determined that the Airport's Standard Construction Measures for Accidental Discovery, Division 01 - General Requirements: Archeological (Div 01 35 91), is sufficient.