



# CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination

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## Property Information/Project Description

PROJECT ADDRESS <i>Quint Street Rail Repair</i>	BLOCK/LOT(S) <i>Various</i>
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CASE NO. <i>2013.0427E</i>	PERMIT NO.	PLANS DATED <i>03/27/13</i>
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- Addition/ Alteration (detailed below)       Demolition (requires HRER if over 50 years old)       New Construction

### STEP 1 EXEMPTION CLASS

- Class 1: Existing Facilities**  
Interior and exterior alterations; additions under 10,000 sq.ft.; change of use if principally permitted or with a CU
- Class 3: New Construction**  
Up to three (3) single family residences; six (6) dwelling units in one building; commercial/office structures under 10,000 sq.ft.; accessory structures; utility extensions.

NOTE:  
If neither class applies, an *Environmental Evaluation Application* is required.

### STEP 2 CEQA IMPACTS ( To be completed by Project Planner )

If ANY box is initialed below an *Environmental Evaluation Application* is required.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Transportation:** Does the project create six (6) or more net new parking spaces or residential units? Does the project have the potential to adversely affect transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle safety (hazards) or the adequacy of nearby transit, pedestrian and/or bicycle facilities?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Air Quality:** Would the project add new sensitive receptors (specifically, schools, colleges, universities, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings [subject to Article 38 of the Health Code], and senior-care facilities)?

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hazardous Materials:** Would the project involve 1) change of use (including tenant improvements) and/or 2) soil disturbance; on a site with a former gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or on a site with underground storage tanks?  
*Phase I Environmental Site Assessment required for CEQA clearance (E.P. initials required)*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Soil Disturbance/Modification:** Would the project result in the soil disturbance/modification greater than two (2) feet below grade in an archeological sensitive area or eight (8) feet in non-archeological sensitive areas?  
*Refer to: EP ArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Layers > Archeological Sensitive Areas*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Noise:** Does the project include new noise-sensitive receptors (schools, colleges, universities, day care facilities, hospitals, residential dwellings, and senior-care facilities) fronting roadways located in the noise mitigation area?  
*Refer to: EP ArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Layers > Noise Mitigation Area*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Subdivision/Lot-Line Adjustment:** Does the project site involve a subdivision or lot-line adjustment on a lot with a slope of 20% or more?  
*Refer to: EP ArcMap > CEQA CatEx Determination Layers > Topography*

*Class 1 (d)*  
*Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structure*

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Slope = or > 20%: Does the project involve excavation, square footage expansion, shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, grading – including excavation or fill?

Exceptions: Do not check box for work performed on previously graded level portion of site; stairs, patio, deck and fence work.

Geotechnical report required and a Certificate or higher level CEQA document required – File an Environmental Application

Seismic: Landslide Zone: Does the project involve excavation, square footage expansion, shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, grading – including excavation and fill on a landslide zone – as identified in the San Francisco General Plan?

Exceptions: Do not check box for stairs, patio, deck and fence work.

Geotechnical report required and a Certificate or higher level CEQA document required – File an Environmental Application

Seismic: Liquefaction Zone: Does the project involve excavation, square footage expansion, shoring, underpinning, retaining wall work, grading – including excavation and fill on either seismic, flooding, or liquefaction zone?

Exceptions: Do not check box for stairs, patio, deck and fence work.

Geotechnical report will likely be required. File an Environmental Application

Serpentine Rock: Does the project involve any excavation in a property containing serpentine rock?

No exceptions.

File an Environmental Application to determine the applicable level of CEQA analysis

NOTE: Project Planner must initial box below before proceeding to Step 3.

Project Can Proceed With Categorical Exemption Review.

The project does not trigger any of the CEQA Impacts and can proceed with categorical exemption review.

GO TO STEP 3

STEP 3 PROPERTY STATUS - HISTORICAL RESOURCE

Property is one of the following: (Refer to: San Francisco Property Information Map)

Category A: Known Historical Resource GO TO STEP 5

Category B: Potential Historical Resource ( over 50 years of age ) GO TO STEP 4

Category C: Not a Historical Resource or Not Age Eligible ( under 50 years of age ) GO TO STEP 6

STEP 4 PROPOSED WORK CHECKLIST ( To be completed by Project Planner )

If condition applies, please initial.

- 1. Change of Use and New Construction (tenant improvements not included).
- 2. Interior alterations/interior tenant improvements. Note: Publicly-accessible spaces (i.e. lobby, auditorium, or sanctuary) require preservation planner review.
- 3. Regular maintenance and repair to correct or repair deterioration, decay, or damage to the building.
- 4. Window replacement that meets the Department's Window Replacement Standards (does not include storefront window alterations).
- 5. Garage work, specifically, a new opening that meets the Guidelines for Adding Garages and Curb Cuts, and/or replacement of garage door in an existing opening.
- 6. Deck, terrace construction, or fences that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
- 7. Mechanical equipment installation not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way.
- 8. Dormer installation that meets the requirements for exemption from public notification under Zoning Administrator Bulletin: Dormer Windows.
- 9. Additions that are not visible from any immediately adjacent public right-of-way for 150' in each direction; does not extend vertically beyond the floor level of the top story of the structure or is only a single story in height; does not have a footprint that is more than 50% larger than that of the original building; and does not cause the removal of architectural significant roofing features.

NOTE: Project Planner must check box below before proceeding.

Project is not listed:

GO TO STEP 5

Project does not conform to the scopes of work:

GO TO STEP 5

Project involves 4 or more work descriptions:

GO TO STEP 5

Project involves less than 4 work descriptions:

GO TO STEP 6

**STEP 5 CEQA IMPACTS - ADVANCED HISTORICAL REVIEW** ( To be completed by Preservation Planner )

If condition applies, please initial.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Project involves a **Known Historical Resource (CEQA Category A)** as determined by Step 3 and conforms entirely to Scope of Work Descriptions listed in Step 4. (Please initial scopes of work in STEP 4 that apply.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. **Interior alterations to publicly-accessible spaces.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **Window replacement** of original/historic windows that are not "in-kind" but are is consistent with existing historic character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **Façade/storefront alterations** that do not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. **Raising the building** in a manner that does not remove, alter, or obscure character-defining features.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. **Restoration** based upon documented evidence of a building's historic condition, such as historic photographs, plans, physical evidence, or similar buildings.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. **Addition(s)**, including mechanical equipment that are minimally visible from a public right of way and meets the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation*.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. **Other work consistent with the Secretary of the Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties**  
Specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ 9. **Reclassification of property status to Category C**
  - a. Per **Environmental Evaluation**, dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\* Attach **Historic Resource Evaluation Report**
  - b. **Other, please specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:**  
If ANY box is initialed in STEP 5, Preservation Planner **MUST** review & initial below.

**Further Environmental Review Required.**

Based on the information provided, the project requires an *Environmental Evaluation Application* to be submitted.

**GO TO STEP 6**

Preservation Planner Initials

**Project Can Proceed With Categorical Exemption Review.**

The project has been reviewed by the Preservation Planner and can proceed with categorical exemption review.

**GO TO STEP 6**

Preservation Planner Initials

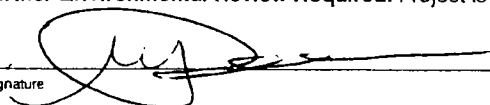
**STEP 6 CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION** ( To be completed by Project Planner )

- Further Environmental Review Required.**  
Proposed Project does not meet scopes of work in either:  
(check all that apply)  
 Step 2 (CEQA Impacts) or  
 Step 5 (Advanced Historical Review)

**STOP!**

Must file *Environmental Evaluation Application*.

- No Further Environmental Review Required.** Project is categorically exempt under CEQA.

Planner's Signature 

Date 04/11/13

Print Name Approved Planning Dept. Monica Cristina Pereira,  
Environmental Planner

Once signed and dated, this document constitutes a categorical exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code.



2013.0427E



March 29, 2013

Monica Pereira, Environmental Planning  
San Francisco Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Quint Street Rail Repair – Request for Class 1 Categorical Exemption

Dear Ms. Pereira:

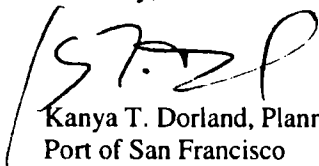
Please find enclosed a complete Environmental Exemption application for a proposed repair project to the Quint Street rail spur located in the Bayview. A check in the amount of \$297 will be routed to the Environmental Planning Division to cover the cost of processing this permit request.

We believe that this proposed improvement project is Categorically Exempt from CEQA review, under Class 1(d): Restoration of rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety...”

We would appreciate your review of this request to obtain a formal determination from the Environmental Planning Department. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 274-0264, if you have any questions regarding this proposed improvement project, or require any additional information to complete your review and determination

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely,



Kanya T. Dorland, Planner  
Port of San Francisco

Enclosures: Two Environmental Exemption Applications, and Project Area Photos

cc: Diane Oshima, Port of San Francisco (w/out enclosures)  
Steven Reel, Port of San Francisco (w/out enclosures)





# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Date received:

## Environmental Evaluation Application

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to review the environmental impacts of proposed projects. In San Francisco, environmental review under CEQA is administered by the Major Environmental Analysis (MEA) division of the Planning Department. The environmental review process begins with the submittal of a completed Environmental Evaluation (EE) Application to the Planning Department. Only the current EE Application form will be accepted. No appointment is required but staff is available to meet with applicants upon request.

The EE Application will not be processed unless it is completely filled out and the appropriate fees are paid in full. Checks should be made payable to the San Francisco Planning Department. See the current *Schedule of Application Fees* and contact the staff person listed below for verification of the appropriate fees. Fees are generally non-refundable. **Documents in italics are available online at [sfgov.org/planning](http://sfgov.org/planning).**

The EE Application is comprised of four parts. Part 1 is a checklist to ensure that the EE Application is complete; Part 2 requests basic information about the site and the project; Part 3 is a series of questions to help determine if additional information is needed for the EE Application; and Part 4 is a project summary table.

The complete EE Application should be submitted to the Planning Department staff as follows: For projects greater than 10,000 square feet in size and where Part 3 Questions #3, #8, #10, or #11 are answered in the affirmative, or for projects that require mitigation measures, please send the application materials to the attention of Ms. Fordham or Ms. Poling. For all other projects, please send the application materials to the attention of Ms. Pereira.

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PART 1 – EE APPLICATION CHECKLIST	Provided	Not Applicable
Two copies of this application with all blanks filled in	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Two sets of project drawings in 11x17 format (see "Additional Information" on page 4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Photos of the project site and its immediate vicinity, with viewpoints labeled	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Fee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<i>Supplemental Information for Historical Resource Evaluation form and/or Historic Resource Evaluation Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 1 and 2</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Geotechnical Report, as indicated in Part 3 Questions 3a and 3b</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Tree Disclosure Statement, as indicated in Part 3 Question 4</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, as indicated in Part 3 Question 8</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>Additional studies (list)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Applicant's Affidavit.** I certify the accuracy of the following declarations:

- The undersigned is the owner or authorized agent of the owner(s) of this property.
- The information presented is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that other applications and information may be required.

Signed (owner or agent):

JSR

Date:

3-29-13

(For Staff Use Only) Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

QUIN 57

Block/Lot:

N/A

**PART 2 – PROJECT INFORMATION**

Property Owner	<u>Port of San Francisco</u>	Telephone No.	<u>415-274-0400</u>
Address	<u>Pier 1, The Embarcadero</u>	Fax No.	
		Email	<u>sfport.com</u>
Project Contact	<u>Kanya Dorland</u>	Telephone No.	<u>415-274-0264</u>
Company	<u>Planning &amp; Development Division, Port</u>	Fax No.	
Address	<u>Pier 1, The Embarcadero</u>	Email	<u>kanya.dorland@sfport.com</u>

**Site Information**

Site Address(es):	<u>Quint Street Between Third St and Oakdale and Third Streets</u>		
Nearest Cross Street(s)	<u>Third and Oakdale Streets</u>		
Block(s)/Lot(s)	<u>N/A</u>	Zoning District(s)	<u>PDR-2/M-2</u>
Site Square Footage	<u>4,500 LF</u>	Height/Bulk District	<u>80-E &amp; 65-J</u>
Present or previous site use Community Plan Area (if any)	<u>Industrial</u>		

**Project Description**

<input type="checkbox"/> Addition	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of use	<input type="checkbox"/> Zoning change	<input type="checkbox"/> New construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Alteration	<input type="checkbox"/> Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/> Lot split/subdivision or lot line adjustment	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (describe)	<u>Repair</u>	Estimated Cost	<u>\$3,000,000</u>
Describe proposed use <u>Light Freight Rail Line</u>			

Narrative project description. Please summarize and describe the purpose of the project.  
Please see the attached




<b>PART 4 – PROJECT SUMMARY TABLE</b>				
If you are not sure of the eventual size of the project, provide the maximum estimates.				
<b>Gross Square Footage (GSF)</b>	<b>Existing Uses</b>	<b>Existing Uses to be Retained</b>	<b>Net New Construction and/or Addition</b>	<b>Project Totals</b>
Residential				
Retail				
Office				
Industrial				
Parking				
Other (specify use)	4,500 LF	4,500 LF	4,500 LF	4,500 LF
<b>Total GSF</b>				
Dwelling units				
Hotel rooms				
Parking spaces				
Loading spaces				
Number of buildings				
Height of building(s)				
Number of stories				
Please describe any additional project features that are not included in this table: The project will involve repaving around the rail and signal improvements, and it is expected that this total repaving will cover an area of 100,000 square feet.				
<b>Additional Information: Project drawings in 11x17 format should include existing and proposed site plans, floor plans, elevations, and sections, as well as all applicable dimensions and calculations for existing and proposed floor area and height. The plans should clearly show existing and proposed off-street parking and loading spaces; driveways and trash loading areas; vehicular and pedestrian access to the site, including access to off-street parking and parking configuration; and bus stops and curbside loading zones within 150 feet of the site. A transportation study may be required, depending on existing traffic conditions in the project area and the potential traffic generation of the proposed project, as determined by the Department's transportation planners. Neighborhood notification may also be required as part of the environmental review processes.</b>				

SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING  
 CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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*CLASS 1(d) Restoration of  
 rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structure,*

  
 Environmental Planner

PART 3 – ADDITIONAL PROJECT INFORMATION	Yes	No
1. Would the project involve a major alteration of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure in an historic district? If yes, submit a <i>Supplemental Information for Historical Resource Evaluation</i> form.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Would the project involve demolition of a structure constructed 50 or more years ago or a structure located in an historic district? If yes, a Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER)* will be required. The scope of the HRER will be determined in consultation with the Department's Preservation Coordinator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a. Would the project result in excavation or soil disturbance/modification greater than 8 feet below grade? If yes, how many feet below grade would be excavated? _____ What type of foundation would be used (if known)? _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b. Is the project site located in an area of potential geotechnical hazard as identified in the San Francisco General Plan or on a steep slope or would the project be located on a site with an average slope of 20% or more? If yes to either Question 3a or 3b, please submit a Geotechnical Report.*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Would the project involve expansion of an existing building envelope, or new construction, or grading, or new curb cuts, or demolition? If yes, please submit a <i>Tree Disclosure Statement</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Would the project result in ground disturbance of 5,000 gross square feet or more?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Would the project result in any construction over 40 feet in height? If yes, apply for a Section 295 (Proposition K) Shadow Study. This application is available on the Planning Department's website and <b>should be submitted at the Planning Information Center, 1660 Mission Street, First Floor.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Would the project result in a construction of a structure 80 feet or higher? If yes, an initial review by a wind expert, including a recommendation as to whether a wind analysis* is needed, may be required, as determined by Department staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Would the project involve work on a site with an existing or former gas station, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or a site with underground storage tanks? If yes, please submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA).* A Phase II ESA (for example, soil testing) may be required, as determined by Department staff.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Would the project require any variances, special authorizations, or changes to the Planning Code or Zoning Maps? If yes, please describe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Is the project related to a larger project, series of projects, or program? If yes, please describe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Is the project in Eastern Neighborhoods or Market & Octavia Community Plan Area? If yes, and the project would be over 55 feet tall or 10 feet taller than an adjacent building built before 1963, please submit an elevation or renderings showing the project with the adjacent buildings.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

\* Report or study to be prepared by a qualified consultant who is contracted directly by the project sponsor.