

Notice of Exemption

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County of San Mateo
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From: Town of Atherton
80 Fair Oaks Lane
Atherton, CA 94070
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Project Title: Atherton Rail Station Remodel

Project Location – Specific: Atherton Caltrain Rail Station located at the northeast area of the Atherton Town Center Property at 80 Fair Oaks Lane.

Project Location – City: Town of Atherton **Project Location – County:** San Mateo County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project consists of remodeling and repurposing the existing Atherton Rail Station Building into a public building showcasing the history of rail and the station in the Town of Atherton. The desire is to integrate the station building and area into the new Atherton Town Center. Specific improvements include reorientation of the main entry to the building and enclosing the rear, weatherization of the building, interior/exterior improvements, electronic and fixed displays, interior and exterior lighting, data and security connections (may be wireless), building maintenance (roof, painting, etc.), accessibility improvements, kiosk and signage improvements, seating and site furnishings, landscaping improvements. This property is not listed on any local or state historic registrars; nevertheless, the Town has preemptively decided that it will make all improvements in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and implements Mitigation Measure CULT-1 of the Civic Center Master Plan EIR.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Town of Atherton Public Works Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mr. Robert Ovadia, Director of Public Works

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301, Exemptions, 15303 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, and 15304 Minor Alterations to Land.
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is not a historic resource as that term is defined by the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines or the Public Resources Code. The Town, as lead agency, proposes to remodel and repurpose the existing Atherton Rail Station Building – the building will not be demolished and includes a negligible expansion of the building footprint. The majority of the improvements are actions for the rehabilitation and restoration, as well as related enhancements to the existing structure. It continues to be used as a public structure. Since the improvements will be on an existing structure, be minimal, include no significant impacts to the surrounding areas, will be located on the same site, have substantially the same capacity of the existing structure, and implement Mitigation Measure CULT-1 of the Civic Center Master Plan EIR, the project is exempt from further CEQA review.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sung H. Kwon, AICP **Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** (408) 796-4844.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **Title:** Town Planner

- ☒ Signed by Lead Agency
☐ Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: