

2015-16

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**ENDORSED  
FILED**  
SAN FRANCISCO County Clerk

MAY 14, 2015

**To:** San Francisco County Clerk-Recorder  
City and County of San Francisco  
City Hall, Room 168  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4678

**From:** Bay Area Toll Authority  
101 Eighth Street,  
Oakland, California 94612

**by: MARIBEL JALDON**  
Deputy County Clerk

**Project Title:** The Bay Lights Project

**Project Location:** Bay Bridge, San Francisco, CA

**Project Location – City:** City of San Francisco      **Project Location –County:** San Francisco County

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4

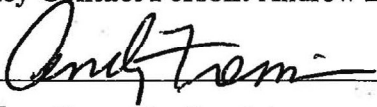
**Description of Project:** The Bay Lights is an existing light-emitting diode (LED) light sculpture art installation on the Bay Bridge’s west span that has been lit since March 5, 2013. The project proposes to extend the lights from a temporary installation into one that extends for a decade or more. After removing the existing LED lights from the vertical suspender cables of the Bay Bridge’s West span to allow for painting of the suspender cables, the lights will be re-installed in time for Super Bowl 50 in February 2016. The lights would be illuminated from dusk to dawn for a period commemorating the Super Bowl and through the year 2026. Up to twenty-five thousand (25,000) energy efficient LED lights, approximately two (2) inches in diameter each, will be installed on the vertical suspender cables of the north-facing side of the upper deck level of the Bay Bridge’s West Span with ultraviolet (UV) resistant plastic coated stainless steel zip ties, so no paint disturbance will occur to the bridge structure. The bridge lights will face away from bridge vehicular traffic and towards the San Francisco waterfront. The project will not affect the Bay Bridge structure, will not involve any ground disturbance, and does not involve any expansion of use of the Bay Bridge.

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Illuminate The Arts

**Exempt Status:**  Categorical Exemption, Class 1: Section 15301

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 1: Operation, repair, maintenance or minor alterations to a public facility involving no or negligible expansion of use.

The project, removal and re-installation of an LED light sculpture art installation on the Bay Bridge, involves no expansion of use, will not result in significant effects on the environment due to unusual circumstances, nor will it result in a cumulative impact. The project will not result in a traffic safety impact, damage to scenic resources, cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource, or affect sensitive-species or habitat; and the site is not located on a documented hazardous waste site.

|   |                      |   |  |
|---|----------------------|---|--|
| <b>Lead Agency Contact Person:</b> Andrew B. Fremier  |                      | <b>Phone Number:</b> 510.817.5840       |  |
| <b>Signature:</b>  | <b>Date:</b> 5/11/15 | <b>Title:</b> Deputy Executive Director |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signed by Lead Agency   |                      |   |  |

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| <b>POSTED</b> | <b>MAY 14 2015</b> |
| <b>TO</b>     | _____              |