

BART Film, Video and Photography

PERMIT POLICIES AND FEES

The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District's (BART) primary mission is to transport passengers safely from point A to point B. BART is not in the business of being a production set for filmmakers and other photographers no matter how noble their project may be. As a result, BART requires these productions to fully reimburse the taxpayers and riders for the use of both our facilities and our staff's time. Otherwise we will be in violation of California's "Gift of Public Funds" law.

The fee structure we have established helps us to recover the real costs associated with a photography or video production for our taxpayers and riders, with the exception of the location and use of a train fee. We base the location and train rental fees on the market value for the use of our unique facilities. Below is a table of some of the fees we charge. Students pay a discounted \$30 application fee. However, they must pay the regular rate of all other fees. Students must also provide proof they are registered in an accredited learning institution and the project is for a current school project for credit.

We accept certified checks, money orders, wire transfers, and credit cards. A credit card payment will include a convenience fee to cover the bank fee costs to BART.

Mandatory proof of insurance is required. Review the specific requirements at www.bart.gov/photopermits.

Please download the permit application form at www.bart.gov/photopermits.

PERMIT FEE TABLE**				
	1 - 5 PEOPLE	6 - 15 PEOPLE	16 - 25 PEOPLE	26+ PEOPLE****
APPLICATION*	\$350 (\$30 for students)	\$350 (\$30 for students)	\$350 (\$30 for students)	\$350 (\$30 for students)
LOCATION	\$750/4 hrs	\$1,500/4 hrs	\$3,000/4 hrs	\$7,300/4 hrs
SUPERVISOR	\$650/4 hrs	\$650/4 hrs	\$650/4 hrs	\$650/4 hrs
POLICE OFFICER	\$680/4 hrs	\$680/4 hrs	\$680/4 hrs	\$680/4 hrs
PRIVATE USE OF 1 TRAIN***	\$6,336/4 hrs	\$6,336/4 hrs	\$6,986/4 hrs	\$8,286/4 hrs
USE OF ALREADY IN-SERVICE TRAIN	\$1,312/4 hrs	\$1,837/4 hrs	\$2,472/4 hrs	\$3,840/4 hrs

This fee table is based on Fiscal Year 2021 costs and is subject to change.

Example of Fees

A typical application we receive is for a crew of eight people to shoot inside the station for four hours. They will bring a generator, two cameras, lights and other equipment. In this scenario, we would typically assign a Police Officer and a Supervisor to protect both passengers and the production crew. The total cost of the shoot would be \$2,830. Here's how that breaks down:

Application Fee	\$300
Location Fee	+ \$1500
Supervisor	+ \$650
Police Officer	+ \$680
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SUBTOTAL:	\$3,130
Application Fee Credit	- \$300
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TOTAL:	\$2,830

Cancellation Fees

If we deny your application, we will return 100% of all location/train rental/staffing fees paid; however your application fee is non-refundable. If you pull out of the project for any reason, we will retain 100% of your application fee and we will retain 50% of the location fee. We will pro-rate the cost of staff time, equipment and/or any other costs BART incurred to process the permit up to the time of cancellation and then return the remainder of the fees paid to cover those costs.

Denial of Applications

We don't often deny an application. However, we reserve the right to reject an application for any reason. The following are some of the reasons we have denied applications in the past:

- Project restricts access to our customers
- Safety and/or security issues
- Limited staffing availability
- Script portrays BART in a negative light
- Script promotes illegal activities
- Applicant fails to pay fees on-time
- Applicant fails to provide proper insurance documentation
- Applicant misses critical deadlines and/or meetings
- Applicant keeps switching locations, dates and times after approvals
- Applicant is difficult to work with
- Project is too time consuming
- Service disruption limits our ability to handle applicant's request

** The application fee covers staff time to evaluate the application. While we will make every attempt to try to accommodate your request, we reserve the right to reject your application at our sole discretion. If we accept your application we will apply your application fee toward total cost of the project. Student application fee is \$30. Students will need to send proof they are currently enrolled in an accredited learning institution and the project is for a current school project for credit.*

*** All fees shown are based on four hour increments or any portion thereof. For example, if your photo shoot lasts five hours, BART will charge you for two four hour increments, which is eight hours. Under this scenario, if we require you to have a Supervisor, you would pay a total of \$1,300 for the Supervisor.*

**** Private use of train includes the staff time cost of two Train Operators, one Manager of Central Control, one Train Controller, one Maintenance Foreworker and one Supervisor. A train consists of a minimum of three cars.*

***** Production crews consisting of 26 or more people will require a minimum of four Supervisors. BART may require additional Supervisors depending on size of production crew.*



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