

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: City of Redding
Public Works Department
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Project Title: Interstate 5 (I-5) at South Bonnyview Off-Ramps Improvement Project, J.O. #2644-20 (ED-12-21)
Project Location – Specific: I-5 at South Bonnyview Road, north bound off-ramp and south bound off-ramp **Project Location – City:** Redding **Project Location – County:** Shasta

Description of Project: The City of Redding, in cooperation with Caltrans, will construct a safety and operational improvement project on I-5 at the South Bonnyview Road off-ramps, from postmile (PM) R11.7 to PM R12.6, in Redding, California. The purpose of the project is to improve safety and traffic operations. The project includes vegetation removal; earthwork; drainage modification; off-ramp widening and lengthening; retaining wall construction; as well as signal, lighting, crosswalk, and curb-ramp improvements. Work will also include paving, striping, sign installation, and vegetation planting.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Redding

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: James Triantafyllou, Project Engineer

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial [Section 21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)]
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:
- Common Sense Exemption (This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15601[b][3]).
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Sec. 15302 (c), Replacement or Reconstruction
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:
 - If this project falls within an exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6, or 11, it does not impact and environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
 - There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
 - There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
 - This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
 - This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 56962.5 ("Cortese List")
 - This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 2 exemptions include the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. The off-ramps will be widened and lengthened to improve safety and traffic operations; however, the project will not create additional vehicle capacity on I-5. The project has been reviewed for sensitive resources such as threatened or endangered species or their habitats, sensitive vegetation communities, tribal lands, or tribal cultural resources. The project has no potential to have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Kelley

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If Filed by Applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Amber Kelley

Date: 4-12-21

Title: Environmental Compliance Manager

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