

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: _____

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 6
2015 E Shields Ave, Ste 100
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Watson Street Operational Improvements

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
In the city of Visalia, at the eastbound off-ramp from State Route 198 to the Central Visalia exit onto Noble Drive.

Project Location - City: Visalia Project Location - County: TUL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project re-stripes lanes from the State Route 198 eastbound off-ramp to the Watson Street intersection to form a dedicated left-turn lane and dedicated through-lane. A short section of raised curb would be installed along the gore to prevent traffic from merging into existing through-lanes on Noble Avenue before the Watson Street intersection. The same re-striping would be done for eastbound traffic heading into the Court Street intersection. All work would be done within the existing operational right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:

The project has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment and is considered "exempt" from CEQA under Class 1 of 14 CCR 15300, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Juergen Vespermann Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 832-0051

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: Juergen Vespermann Date: 02-22-2022 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR _____