

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Santa Cruz

**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_  
California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
50 Higuera Street, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401

(Address)

Project Title: SCr Inside Shoulder Widening

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 5

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 1 in Santa Cruz County between Buena Vista Dr. and Freedom Blvd. (Post Mile R5.0-8.2)

Project Location - City: Near Aptos Project Location - County: Santa Cruz County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to widen the northbound inside shoulders of State Route 1 to 5' in width from post mile R5.0 to 8.2, widen the southbound inside shoulder of State Route 1 to 5' in width from post mile R5.47 to R5.77, add additional paving to the median cut-through approaches at post mile R5.07, and adjust the drainage inlet to grade at post mile R5.07 along the southbound drainage ditch. Additionally, shoulder/edge-line rumble strips will be replaced along the newly widened shoulder. The purpose of these safety improvements is to reduce the number and severity of Run-Off-the-Road (ROR) collisions.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Terry Thompson, Project Manager

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: Class 1. Section 15301. Existing Facilities.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not result in a significant effect on the environment. The project will construct safety improvements within the roadway prism and will not expand use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agencies determination.

Lead Agency Adam DiGiovine Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 805-458-7916  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: Adam Digiovine Date: 08/15/2022 Title: 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: \_\_\_\_\_