

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Mendocino

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans

703 B Street

Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: 01-0L903 MEN-20 MMBN

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On State Route 20 between post mile (PM) 33.2 to PM 44.1 in Mendocino County

Project Location - City: Ukiah

Project Location - County: Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to place one fiber optic line, three conduits, vaults, and mark posts at every vault. This Middle-Mile Broadband Network project will install the broadband infrastructure along the State Highway System and Interstate System necessary to connect to a third-party operated Last Mile Broadband Network which will bring internet connectivity to homes, businesses, and community institutions.

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: _____

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because this is a broadband project on an existing highway facility and does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Kristina Crawford

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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:  Date: 7-20-2023 Title: Branch Chief (Acting)

■ 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: _____