

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06  
2015 E. Shields Avenue, Suite 100  
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: SR 63 (OROSI) TRAFFIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:  
On State Route 63 at the intersection with Avenue 416, in the community of Orosi, Tulare County.

Project Location - City: Orosi Project Location - County: TUL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:  
Caltrans proposes to improve the safety on State Route 63 at the intersection with Avenue 416 in Tulare County. The project would update American Disability Act Standards curb ramps, modify signal heads in the Northbound and Southbound direction with dedicated left turn lane from Eastbound Ave 416 to Northbound State Route 63. In addition, the project would reduce 4 lanes on State Route 63 to 3 lanes, to conform with the Clean California road diet and protected left-turn phasing in all directions.

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: 15301, Class 1 (c) Existing highways
- Statutory Exemption. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under section 15301, existing facilities class 1. The project proposes to update American Disability Act Standards curb ramps, modify signal heads with dedicated left turn lane from Eastbound Ave 416 to Northbound State Route 63, reduce 4 lanes to 3 lanes on State Route 63. All construction work is within the existing State ROW. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Javier Almaquer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-287-9320

**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: Javier Almaquer Date: 8/1/23 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

- 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 \_\_\_\_\_