

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. 06
2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100
Fresno CA 93726

Project Title: Ivanhoe Safe Routes

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
In Tulare County in the community of Ivanhoe from Avenue 327 to just north of State Route 216 and Avenue 328 intersection.

Project Location - City: Community of Ivanhoe Project Location - County: KER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this project is to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety as part of the Active Transportation Program in Ivanhoe, CA on State Route 216 from Avenue 327 to just north of the Avenue 328 intersection. The project improvements are needed to address the incomplete routes that pedestrians and cyclists use when using the side of the road and railroad crossings. Caltrans proposes to upgrade a section of State Route 216, from Ave. 327 to Ave. 328, to create a safe route to school. The project also proposes to improve or add pedestrian sidewalks that cross over two railroad tracks, build ADA-compliant curb ramps, driveways, a transit turnoff pad, and a transit shelter. The project will reconfigure the current 5-legged intersection to a standard 4-legged intersection by realigning the southern terminus of Depot Drive. Other improvements include reconstructing drainage elements as needed, relocate utilities if required, and install or improve lighting within the project limits. Partial right-of-way acquisition will be required for the project.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15303
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 15303, Existing Facilities, for maintenance repair on existing facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shane Gunn 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: Shane Gunn Date: 8/29/2023 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

[X] 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