Notice of Exemption   **Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research   **From:**   (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
    1400 Tenth Street   1352 West Olive Avenue
    Sacramento, CA 95814   Fresno   CA 93728
    County Clerk
    County of: _____

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Project Title: SR 178 HM4 Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
State Route 178 at EB/WB Mt Vernon Ave (PM 4.64), WB Oswell St (PM 5.64), & EB Fairfax Rd (PM 6.77)

Project Location - City: Bakersfield   Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation proposes a highway maintenance project at four locations on State Route 178 to upgrade existing signalized equipment using existing foundations, pull boxes and traffic signal poles. Additionally, the existing equipment will be replaced existing with new model 332 controller cabinets, traffic signal heads, pedestrian push buttons, battery backup systems and closed-circuit TV. The proposed work includes cutting loops at each intersection. No trenching is proposed, only saw cutting to install loops.

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: Section 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:
Maintenance of an existing facility not expanding on existing uses.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Pedram Mafi   Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-981-7400

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: 01/29/2024   Title: Senior Environmental Scientist
    ☑ Signed by Lead Agency   ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.   Date Received for filing at OPR _____
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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