

**Notice of Exemption**

**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: (Public Agency) California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
District 4, 111 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, California 94612

(Address)

County Clerk

County of: Alameda

Project Title: Install Shoulder Rumble Strips Santa Clara 101 Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Project Location—Specific:

US route 101 in Santa Clara County(SCL), from the San Benito County line to US 101/SR 25 separation.

Project Location—City: Gilroy

Project Location—County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To prevent Run Off Road (ROR) collisions which can result in serious injuries via hitting fixed objects. A 2017 analysis determined there are no existing shoulder or edge line rumble strips. Therefore installation is the most effective, low-cost method to improve safety and benefit public users and maintenance staff.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 4

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 4

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; (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300 et seq.).
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans Environmental Analysis and functional unit staff determined that this project qualified for Class 1 exemption. After reviewing the project plans and current environmental databases/additions, the project will have no effect on the environment and endangered species.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Brian Gassner

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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: *Brian Gassner* Date: 05/21/2024 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

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: \_\_\_\_\_