

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 1
1656 Union Street
Eureka CA 95501

Project Title: St. Louis Overcrossing Midwest Guardrail System Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 1

Project Location - Specific: The west side of the southbound shoulder of U.S. 101 in Humboldt County, from post mile 85.5 to post mile 85.9

Project Location - City: Arcata

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to construct 1200 linear feet of Midwest Guardrail System (8-foot steel post), 1010 LF of rail element wall, 610 square yards of vegetation control (minor concrete) and one anchor block. The project's purpose is to reduce the frequency and severity of run-off road collisions.

The guardrail would add a new safety element to this segment of highway and would reduce the risk and severity of run-off-the-road collisions. The rail element wall is needed to provide adequate embankment material behind the guardrail posts to allow the guardrail to function as intended. Minor concrete would provide vegetation control, which would increase site distance around the curve and reduce safety risks for maintenance workers. An anchor block would connect the guardrail to the bridge rail on the Arcata overhead bridge.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: Existing Facilities - Section 15301 - 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project is limited in scope and impact. No permits are expected to be needed and there would be no measurable environmental impacts.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Cari Williams

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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: 08/29/24 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.