

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of Merced and Tuolumne

**From:** Caltrans, Dist. 10  
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Stockton, Ca, 95205

Project Title: 10-1S380 MER & TUO CMS & TMS Upgrades

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: The project locations are in Merced County on Interstate (I) 5 at Postmile (PM) 20.07 and in Tuolumne County on State Route 108 at PM R0.49.

Project Location - City: Gustine and Sonora      Project Location - County: Merced and Tuolumne

### Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to replace two Traffic Management Systems (TMS) and two Changeable Message Signs (CMS) in Merced County on Interstate (I) 5 at Postmile (PM) 20.07 and in Tuolumne County on State Route 108 at PM R0.49. The scope of work includes replacing all electronic components of the existing CMS Type 500 to CMS Type 700 and replacing all existing loops and 334LS Controller Cabinets of the TMS at both locations. All work will be done within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to ensure the Traffic Management Center has reliable real-time live video feed of roadway, traffic, and weather conditions within the project limits. The project is needed to improve mobility of the traveling public.

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 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources. Lead Agency Contact Person: Maria Garcia Lopez Phone number: 209-670-9385

**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: Maria Garcia Lopez Date: 09/23/2024 Title: Environmental Scientist

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.