Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) California Department of Transportation
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego, CA 92110
(Address)

County Clerk
County of: San Diego County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260
San Diego, CA 92101

Project Title: Middle-Mile Broadband Network (EA 11-4B038 / 1124000023)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location—Specific:

The project proposes to install broadband conduit and fiber on SR-163 from PM 3.1/R10.90.

Project Location—City: San Diego Project Location—County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This Middle-Mile Broadband Network project will install the broadband infrastructure along the State Highway System necessary to connect to a third-party–operated Last Mile Broadband Network, which will bring equitable high-speed Internet connectivity to homes, businesses, and community institutions.

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: Class 1 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- ○ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband conduit fiber along freeway section with existing infrastructure (conduit and vaults). The action is required in order to implement a project that is part of the California Middle-Mile Broadband Network. The action will take place within Caltrans Right-of-Way and will not involve any significant environmental impacts.

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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: Marc Baza Digitally signed by Marc Baza Date: 2024.10.11 16:16:00 -07'00' Date: Title: Senior Transportation Planner

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.

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