

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): CA Department of Transportation
District 1 Office, 1656 Union St, Eureka CA, 95501

County Clerk _____

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Prairie Creek South Curve Realignment

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

US 101 PM 125.20-126.62

Project Location - City: Orick

Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is proposing a safety project to improve an existing, non-standard compound curve on State Route (SR) 101 from post mile (PM) 125.20 to 125.62 north of the town of Orick in Humboldt County. The scope of work consists of a superelevation improvement, minor shoulder widening on the north bound (NB) and south bound (SB) shoulders, drainage work on five existing culvert systems and construction of one new system, minor vegetation removal, traffic control via a temporary traffic signal, installation of erosion control and treatment best management practices (TBMPs) and landscaping. The purpose of the project is to improve the non-standard compound curve primarily through superelevation and shoulder widening. The project is needed in order to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic collisions at this location, which experiences a higher rate of collisions than the statewide average. Federal and state funds will be used. All work will be within temporary construction easements (TCE) and Caltrans right of way (ROW).

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
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Negligible or no expansion of an existing facility. Repairing or replacing existing facility to increase roadway safety.

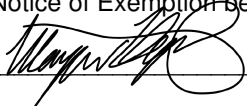
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Morgan Kipf

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 492-0167

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: 12/29/2023 Title: Environmental Scientist

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: _____