

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
1976 East Doctor Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard
Stockton, California 95205

Project Title: 10-1M430 Modesto Maintenance Station Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 99, post mile 16.81, at 908 North Emerald Avenue.

Project Location - City: Modesto Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to reconstruct and renovate the Modesto Maintenance Station (Facility #38M5715) to meet current District 10 Maintenance needs. The existing facility was not designed to house the current number of working crews and does not address current needs for Fire, Life, Safety (FLS), accessibility, and building codes (including fixture counts and proper space requirements). The new facility will address current maintenance and district needs for this facility and service area.

The purpose of the project is to accommodate the current and growing needs of the Modesto Maintenance Station by reconstructing the crew building, constructing canopies, and if funding allows, constructing a vehicle repair shop area, to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and current building codes.

The project is needed because the existing crew buildings and temporary trailers are outdated and not in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and current building codes. There is a need to upgrade and construct crew buildings, storage, and vehicle repair shop area to accommodate space and workability of the Maintenance Station staff. Also, there is a need to extend canopies to cover the hazardous waste materials from debris.

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: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Common Sense Exemption (14 CCR 15061(b)(3))

Excavation within the boundaries of the leaking underground storage tank (LUST) site is not anticipated to result in significant impacts, as the site has been closed and remediated since July 12, 1996. A Preliminary Site Investigation was also completed on May 29, 2024, and confirmed that petroleum concentrations in the soil are below regulatory thresholds.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Laura Cook

Phone number: 209-662-2261

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: *Laura M. Cook* Date: 12/3/2024 Title: Senior 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.