

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans
1976 E Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: Modesto Collision Severity Reduction

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: STA-99 PM M18.50/R20.60

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

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to reduce the number and severity of collisions at the merge and diverge areas by managing traffic flow.

This project is needed because rearend and sideswipe collisions have been identified related to vehicles merging and diverging from the freeway.

The project proposes to reduce collision severity on SR 99 by reconstructing three on-ramps to include ramp metering and widening one off-ramp to include a dedicated left-turn lane. Continued growth in residential, commercial, and industrial development in and around the City of Modesto has resulted in increased congestion on SR 99 at the Carpenter Road/Briggsmore Avenue and Standiford Avenue/Beckwith Road interchanges.

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(c) PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Categorical Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act under Class 1(c) PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300, as the scope of work is limited to the minor alteration of an existing facility. The project is not anticipated to affect any environmentally sensitive resources.

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: 12/26/2024 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisory)

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.