

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 5
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Project Title: Downtown Watsonville Safety Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 5

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 152 from Freedom Boulevard to Beck Street

Project Location - City: Watsonville Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to construct bulbout curb extensions, high visibility crosswalks with curb ramps, restripe pavement, reconstruct drainage inlets, upgrade pedestrian crossing signs, and upgrade pedestrian flashing beacons. The purpose of the project is to reduce the number and severity of collisions at marked crosswalks.

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 Section C
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Categorical exemption under Class I Section C of CEQA Exemption types. No environmental impacts anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dianna Beck

Phone number: (805) 459-9406

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: Diana Beck Date: 4/22/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 4/22/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.