

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of San Mateo

**From:** California Department of Transportation, District 4  
111 Grand Ave  
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: 04-1Y710 SM Route 101 Middle Mile Broadband Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4

Project Location - Specific: San Mateo County along US Route 101 at postmile 20.800 to 26.100

Project Location - City: Brisbane and South San Francisco

Project Location - County: San Mateo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to install broadband conduit and fiber optic technology along US Route 101 as part of the broadband middle mile project. This will resolve the lack of broadband infrastructure and allow connection to high-speed third-party internet services for homes, businesses, and other community facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 4

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: Pub. Res. Code (PRC) 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Middle mile broadband projects that are either installed underground or placed aerially along an existing pole in the right of way are exempt, under Senate Bill 156, which added section 21080.51 to the PRC.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Gassner

Phone number: (510) 506-0372

**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: *Brian Gassner*      Date: 04/29/2025      Title: Env. Analysis Branch Chief

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.

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