

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
855 M Street, Suite 200
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: SR 63 & SR 137 Visalia & Exeter Rumble Strip

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:
The project is in Tulare County along State Route (SR) 63 between Post Mile (PM) 12.13/21.67 and PM R24.65/R30.08.
The project is also located on SR 137 between PM 18.46 and PM 27.40.

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: TUL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project would install shoulder and centerline rumble strips, telephone demarcation cabinets, piezos, loop detectors, and modify an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS). The project would replace a guardrail on SR 63 at PM 12.28 and replace 66 traffic signs and their wooden posts. The purpose of the project is to install centerline and shoulder rumble strips, replace traffic signs, and modify ITS elements. The project is needed to address the number and severity of collisions related to vehicles that are leaving the roadway or crossing the centerline and striking vehicles traveling in the opposite direction and bring the non-standard facility elements (traffic signs, ITS elements, etc.) to Caltrans design standards.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301 Existing Facilities
[] Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:
The project is exempt because the project proposes minor alterations to an existing public facility that would not expand the facility's existing use.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Richard Putler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-5286

- 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: Richard Putler Date: 1-10-20 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code

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