

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Merced

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95205

Project Title: 1K970: MER 165 HAWK System

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project will occur in the community of Hilmar at the intersection of Echo Street and State Route (SR) 165, post mile 33.1, in Merced County.

Project Location - City: Hilmar Project Location - County: MER

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes installing a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)/High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) system at the existing Elim Elementary School crosswalk. The scope of work includes trenching, striping removal, upgrading existing curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, installing detectable warning surfaces, and possible Right of Way acquisition and/or construction easements. The purpose of this project is to warn motorists of crossing pedestrians and vehicles stopped at the intersection. The project is needed to reduce the number and severity of traffic collisions near this intersection.

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: Existing Facilities Section 15301
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, any cultural or scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 04/07/2020 Title: Associate Environmental Planner
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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

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