Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Monterey

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 05
50 Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo   CA 93401-5415

Project Title: Hwy 68 Curve Correction

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
SR 68 between post miles 2.8/3.1 and 3.6/3.8, in the Coastal Zone.

Project Location - City: _____   Project Location - County: MON

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Construct safety improvements between the project post miles (2.8/3.1 and 3.6/3.8) to reduce the number and severity of roadway collisions. The Route 68 project segments are experiencing higher than average run-off-the-road collisions due to tight curve radii and limited sight distance. Improvements include correction to the superelevation of the highway curves, widening shoulders to eight feet, rock slope excavation at PM 2.9, installation of tapered edge treatments, and restriping with high-visibility thermoplastic striping.

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));
☑ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1 (c) (14 CCR 15301)
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____

Reason why project is exempt:
The planned improvements would not involve any expansion of existing or former use of the state highway facility. No significant effects on the environment, individual or cumulative in nature, would result from the proposed safety improvements, and all work would be conducted within the Caltrans right-of-way.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Matthew Fowler   Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (805) 779-0793

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: _____   Date: 6/3/21   Title: Senior Environmental Planner

☑ 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 Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR _____

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