

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County of Santa Barbara
1100 Anacapa St
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

From: Caltrans District 5 Office
50 Higuera St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Project Title: SB 154/246 Visibility Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: SB 154/246 Roundabout, PM R8.0-R8.2/R34.5

Project Location - City: Santa Ynez Project Location - County: Santa Barbara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A series of complaints and collisions at the State Route (SR) 154/246 roundabout led to an investigation into improving visibility during dark and wet driving conditions. The project proposes to reduce the number and severity of collisions at this rural roundabout by implementing various safety improvements, including updating lighting, striping, and signage to meet or exceed specifications in and leading up to the roundabout. No tree removal, landscape removal, or significant vegetation removal is proposed.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans 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. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt under Class 1 because it involves upgrading, repairing, and maintaining existing Caltrans facilities. The project does not involve expansion of an

existing use, will not have a significant effect on the environment, will not impact a scenic or historical resource, and will not have a significant cumulative effect.

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: Dianna Beck Date: 9/24/2024 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.