

Notice of Exemption

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

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Sonoma County US-101 HOV Signage Upgrades DDO (EA 3X110)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on US-101 from post mile R0.0 to 29.4 in Sonoma County.

Project Location - City: Petaluma, Penngrove CDP, Cotati, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Larkfield-Wikiup CDP, Fulton CDP, Windsor

Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to replace, add, and upgrade the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) signage on US-101 in Sonoma County from post mile R0.0 to 29.4. The existing HOV informational signs in the project area will soon be outdated and need to be replaced to reflect the new HOV lane hours of operation and comply with current safety standards. Work will include replacing existing signs with new ones and installing new signs using the strap and saddle bracket method. All work will remain within Caltrans right of way on the existing paved roadway. Equipment will be staged within Caltrans right of way in areas absent of vegetation.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1(c) Existing Facilities. The project will have no discernible environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 6/9/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

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.