

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Pedestrian and Bike Safety Project on I-5, I-8, SR 78, and SR 163

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 11

Project Location - Specific: I-5 onramp from WB and EB La Jolla Village Dr., I-8 WB connector to NB I-5 and EB connector to NB/SB I-805, SR 163 NB lane segment, and SR 78 at Cloverdate road/ San Pasqual road.

Project Location - City: San Diego, La Jolla, Escondido Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Pedestrian and Bike Safety Project on routes I-5, I-8, SR 78, and SR 163 in San Diego County at various locations. Project is needed to increase the safety of the traveling public along ramps, connectors, and highway segments within Caltrans right of way. Project work consists of installing sign panels and posts, placing striping and pavement markings, channelizers, and rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB's). Work on SR 78 consists of the addition of crosswalks to one intersection. No work will occur outside the pavement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Caltrans will be conducting minor alterations to existing highway segments by installing pedestrian and bike safety measures.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Petra El-Shammas

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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: *Petra El-Shammas* Date: 6/5/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/5/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 a4050nd 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.