

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation- District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Middle-Mile Broadband Network Hub Shelters No. 105 & 106 (EA: 01-0L642)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation- District 3

Project Location - Specific: U.S. Route 101 at post mile (PM) T0.095 in Humboldt County and PM 64.1 in Mendocino County.

Project Location - City: Hub Shelter No. 105 is near Piercy and Hub Shelter No.106 is near Laytonville.

Project Location - County: Humboldt and Mendocino.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in coordination with the California Department of Technology, proposes to construct two middle-mile broadband network hub shelters to provide transmission and amplification of broadband signals. Network hub shelter no. 105 is located at PM T0.095 in Humboldt County and network hub shelter no. 106 is located at PM 64.1 in Mendocino County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation- District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation- District 3

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson

Phone number: (530) 821-3054

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: *Dotrik Wilson* Date: 6/16/25 Title: Branch Chief

☒ 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.