

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Costa Mesa  
77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

County Clerk

County of: Orange

(Address)

Project Title: Signal Modernization for Systemic Safety Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Costa Mesa

Project Location - Specific:

**129 City-owned and maintained traffic signals throughout the City of Costa Mesa**

Project Location - City: Costa Mesa Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City is upgrading all of the traffic signal head backplates to be the retroreflective border type and upgrading all remaining 8" signal heads in the City to 12" signal heads. The City is installing emergency vehicle preemption at all signalized intersections where they are missing to support the City's emergency services and also installing battery back-up systems at the arterial-to-arterial intersections to prevent outages which can create safety issues at the intersection for all modes of travel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Costa Mesa

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Costa Mesa

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 Class 1 (c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of alterations to existing public facilities involving no significant expansion of the existing use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ramin Nikoui Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-754-5184

**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: 07/21/25 Title: Senior Engineer

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_