Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 10
1976 E Charter Wy, Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: 10-MER, STA-VAR

Project Location - City: VAR Project Location - County: STA, MER

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Highway Maintenance Safety project on State Route 108, 120, 132, and 165 in Merced and Stanislaus Counties at various locations. The Construction will occur on both paved and unpaved surfaces within the Caltrans right of way. The scope of work includes the construction and/or improvement of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The purpose of this project is to enhance pedestrian and bicyclist safety. The project is needed to reduce the number and severity of collisions at these locations.

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: 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ishnav Guleria Phone number: 209-986-1231

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: Ishnav Guleria Date: 8/1/25 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

☒ 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.