

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: **California Department of Transportation, District 8**
464 W.4th Street (MS823)
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: Connect Traffic Management Systems to Fiber

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location – 08-SBD-058; 08-SBD-395 PM: R0.00/R33.00; 45.58/47.30

Project Location - City: City of Barstow **Project Location – County:** San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to connect existing Transportation Management Systems (TMS) elements to existing fiber optic communication systems on Routes 58, Postmile (PM) R0.00/R33.00, and 395, PM 45.8/47.3 in San Bernardino County at various locations between San Bernardino County Line to I-15. The purpose of this project is to connect fiber optic communication system. Currently these existing TMS elements are not connected to a fiber optic communication system and critical TMS elements such as Changeable Message Signs and Closed Circuit Television cameras are not fully functional due to this limitation. This project would connect the existing TMS elements to a fiber optic communication system to provide a strong and reliable communication link back to the District's Transportation Management Center (TMC). All work would be completed within the State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

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: Class 1(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project involves the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, with no expansion of their current or former use. Work will take place on an existing highway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng **Phone number:** 909-261-3955

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: Malisa Lieng Date: 8/28/25 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

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.