## Notice of Exemption

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

**From:** Caltrans, District 04
111 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: CVIN, dba Vast Networks Hwy 101 / SR 152 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project.

Project Applicant: Caltrans and CVIN, dba Vast Networks

Project Location - Specific: Santa Clara County US-101 Post Miles R5.123 to R5.885 and SR-152 Post Miles 10.056 to 11.913

Project Location - City: Gilroy Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Install broadband fiber optic cable along US-101 and SR-152 near the City of Gilroy and Old Gilroy. This will provide the infrastructure necessary to connect to a third-party operated Last Mile Broadband Network which will bring internet connectivity to homes, businesses, and communities.

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:
Middle mile broadband projects that are either installed underground or placed aerially along an existing pole in the right-of-way are exempt, under Senate Bill 156, which added section 21080.51 to the PRC.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Gassner Phone number: (510) 506-0372

**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: Brian Gassner Date: 09/16/2025 Title: Environmental Analysis 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.

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