

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Sonoma

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: SON-101 Guardrail Installation (EA 3X750)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located in the City of Petaluma, Sonoma County, on US-101 at San Antonio Avenue from post mile R0.20 to R0.40.

Project Location - City: Petaluma Project Location - County: Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes installing Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) on US-101 at San Antonio Avenue from post mile R0.20 to R0.40. The guardrail will connect to the existing guardrail on the south end and have end treatment at the approach end. The guardrail is intended to protect errant drivers. Some project elements will occur off the paved roadway, but all work will remain within Caltrans right of way. Construction shall be staged within Caltrans right of way in areas absent of vegetation or in designated parking areas. The project is proposed to be constructed in June of 2026.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1(c) Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project

measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any specific environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith

Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 11/24/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.