Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: California Dept of Transportation
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: Highway 6 Dixon Lane Bicycle Lane Enhancement

Project Applicant: California Dept of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: US Highway 6 Post Mile 0.3

Project Location - City: Bishop Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a highway improvement project 0.3-miles north of the City of Bishop to address safety and environmental issues caused by semi-trucks parking along the shoulders of US Highway 6. The semi-truck parking has created hazardous conditions by blocking pedestrian and bicycle access to the paved and compacted dirt highway shoulders and by causing significant accumulation of trash and biological materials within the Caltrans Right-of-Way (ROW) on adjacent parcels and within North Fork Bishop Creek. To address these concerns, Caltrans proposes to install a striped 4-foot bike lane with a buffer, apply fog seal treatment, re-stripe the highway, and install a Type 5 standard wire fence with 15-foot wire mesh gates along the highway shoulder. The project intends to restore safe access for multi-modal highway use and reduce environmental damage.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dept of Transportation

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: 15530(b)(5)
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080(b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Project is exempt because it involves:

- All activities will occur within previously disturbed areas near an existing paved surface.
- Measures will be implemented to protect sensitive resources, such as rare plant seed collection, hand removal of large asphalt debris, and on-site biological monitoring.

The project will not result in significant environmental effects, is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, and does not involve cumulative impacts or unusual circumstances.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephen Pfeiler Phone number: 760-874-8329

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: Heather Elder Date: 12/30/2025 Title: _____

☒ 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.