

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: Census System Lifecycle Rest

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: I-8 PM 1.213, SR-52 PM 0.324, SR-78 PM 19.094

Project Location - City: San Diego and Escondido Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a project in San Diego County to reset the census system and replace the existing loop detection system in three locations: I-8 at post mile 1.213, I-52 at post mile 0.324, and I-78 at post mile 19.094. The existing Census system has reached its end-of-life. The components are prone to failures and new equipment are necessary to meet current directives and policies. The Census system is deemed necessary to be replaced to reset its life cycle and to comply with SB-1 mandate. The work would consist of electrical work on the controller cabinets and excavation to replace the loop detection system, which would occur all within the road base and existing cabinet foundations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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, Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans proposes a lifecycle reset of the census system at three locations in San Diego County: I-8 PM 1.213, SR-52 PM 0.324, and SR-78 PM 19.094. The work would consist of electrical work on the

controller cabinets and 2070 controllers, and excavation to replace the loop detection systems.

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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: Leticia Santillana Date: 1/5/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 1/5/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.