

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency) Caltrans, District 11  
4050 Taylor St,  
San Diego, CA, 92110  
(Address)

County Clerk  
County of: San Diego

Project Title: Traffic Monitoring System Lifecycle Reset

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location—Specific:

San Diego County:

• I-8: PM 3.988, 4.873, 5.372 • SR-163: PM 7.328 • SR-125: PM 11.780, 13.180, 19.651

Project Location—City: San Diego Project Location—County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using State funds only, proposes to replace the existing Traffic Monitoring Systems on Interstate (I)-8, State Route (SR) 125, and SR-163 in San Diego County at various post miles. The existing TMS has reached its end-of-life. The components are prone to failures and new equipment is necessary to meet current directives and policies. The scope of work includes resetting the Lifecycle of Traffic Monitoring Systems and replacing 2070 controllers.

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: Existing Facilities, Section 15301, Class 1c
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

The California Department of Transportation has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with section 15301 (Existing Facilities). Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Caltrans has determined that this project would have negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, and would have no significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Koji Tsunoda

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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: Koji Tsunoda

Digitally signed by Koji Tsunoda  
Date: 2026.01.06 10:33:06 -0800

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

Signed by:

☒ Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_