

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 08
464 W 4th St. San Bernardino, CA 92401

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: District Director's Order- 1T080- HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO BEACON REPAIR

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 8

Project Location - Specific:

Various routes and postmiles within San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Project Location - City: VAR Project Location - County: San Bernardino /Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A District Director's Order (DDO) is requested to repair multiple nonfunctional Highway Advisory Radios (HARs) across various routes and postmiles within San Bernardino and Riverside counties. On June 18, 2025, The TMS team reported these unit as nonfunctional, and State forces unable to restore the service. The proposed contract will replace the damaged CAM audio/video module and modem and perform system testing to return the HARs to service. All work will be done within the State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 8

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: Class 1, Existing Facilities, 14 CCR § 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt because it consists of the repair and maintenance of an existing public facility (Highway Advisory Radios (HARs) used to provide communication services. Work involves negligible or no expansion of the existing use and does not result in a significant effect on the environment. All work will be performed within Caltrans/Public Right of Way. No work will take place beyond Form adapted from Appendix E of the CEQA Guidelines August 2024.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Gita Tokhmafshan Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 909-501-5742

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:  Date: 01/20/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☐ x 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: _____