

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8
464 W 4th St.
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Project Title: District Director's Order- 1T090- District wide Highway Advisory Radio (HARs) 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: Project Location - County: San Bernardino/ Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

A District Director's Order (DDO) is requested to repair nonfunctional Highway Advisory Radio Beacons across various routes and postmiles within San Bernardino and Riverside counties. The Maintenance Transportation Maintenance Systems (TMS) team reported multiple units are out of service, and State forces have been unable to restore them. Work will include removal and replacement of necessary components and a full system test to restore functionality. 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 radio system) 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

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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:  Date: 01/28/2026 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

☒ 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.