

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 CVIN MMBN EP #06-25-6-BB-1113

Project Applicant: CVIN, LLC

Project Location - Specific: on State Route 41 between postmiles R31.679 (North Faint Road) and R33.126 (north of North Blackstone Avenue) in Fresno County

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

In partnership with the California Department of Technology (CDT), telecom utility company CVIN, dba Vast Networks (CVIN), is proposing to install broadband cable within existing conduit along State Route (SR) 41 between postmiles R31.679 (North Faint Road) and R33.126 (north of North Blackstone Avenue) in Fresno County. CVIN has requested an encroachment permit for the undertaking as the cable will be installed within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) right of way (ROW). Work will include the installation of 9,420 linear feet of new fiber within existing conduit. All existing conduit and vaults will be left in place. All equipment access and staging will occur at the existing vault openings on SR-41. The vaults are located on the west side of SR-41 at postmiles R31.679, R32.132, and R32.474, and on the east side of SR-41 at postmiles R32.825 and R33.126. No ground disturbance will be required. All staging will occur within the maintained portion of the road right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CVIN, LLC

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: _____
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

Phone number: (559) 383-5997

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: Alex Rangel Date: 01/28/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ 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.