

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8, Environmental Planning
464 West 4th Street, MS 823
San Bernardino, California 92401

Project Title: Installation of Street Lights for Pedestrian Safety

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Route 40; Bridge #54-0815 on "D" street; Postmile (PM) 142.97

Project Location - City: Needles

Project Location - County: San Bernardino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to add lighting to both ends of Bridge #54-0815 on "D" Street overcrossing at PM 142.97 in the City of Needles, in San Bernardino County on Route 40. The purpose of this project is to enhance pedestrian safety at night by adding lighting to both approaches of the bridge. The project would add a new electrolier to the ends of the bridge. The work would include trenching and ground disturbance to install electrical conduits, pull boxes, and electrolier foundations in the dirt shoulders. All work would be done within the State Right of Way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, 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(c) Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the alteration of existing public facilities that do not create additional automobile lanes. The work would occur on an existing highway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng

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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: Malisa Lieng Date: 1/30/2026 Title: Senior Env. 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.