Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Dept of Transportation
500 South Main St
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: South Census Station Replacement Project #2

Project Applicant: California Dept of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Varies

Project Location - City: Varies Location - County: Inyo & Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to install new loop detectors, piezo, cabinets, foundations and pull boxes. All constructions will be on pavement or in previously disturbed ground. Detector loops are installed 3" at maximum depth in pavement.

All locations will require the installation of new conduit under pavement or in previously disturbed areas.

Location 3, the new conduit will be installed in the dirt area (30 inches below the surface). The new foundation for the new controller cabinet will be installed in the dirt area (16 inches below the surface). The 2 new pull-boxes will be added.

Location #	District	Asset type	Asset LAT/Long
Location 1	Inyokern	Traffic Census Stations	36.230, -116.416
Location 2	Inyokern	Traffic Census Stations	37.116, -118.259
Location 3	Inyokern	Traffic Census Stations	35.691, -117.867
Location 4	Inyokern	Traffic Census Stations	36.588, -116.943
Location 5	Inyokern	Traffic Census Stations	36.588, -116.943
Location 6	Kern	Traffic Census Stations	32.277, -118.571

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Dept of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Dept of Transportation

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: 15301 – Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and Class 3 because the work consists of installing loop detectors, conduit, cabinets, foundations, and pull boxes within existing paved roadways or previously disturbed areas. All construction activities involve minor alterations with limited ground disturbance and no expansion of use beyond existing facilities.

This Project is exempt because it involves:

- *To avoid take of migratory birds*: The nesting period for residents and neotropical birds in this region extends from May 1 to July 30. To avoid any direct or indirect impacts to nesting birds, all construction activities will occur outside the nesting period from August 1 to April 30.

The project will not result in significant environmental effects, is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, and does not involve cumulative impacts or unusual circumstances.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Stephen Pfeiler Phone number: 760-874-8329

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: Stephen Pfeiler Date: 2/5/2026 Title: Environmental Branch Chief

☒ 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.