

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, California 93514

Project Title: SR 203 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Enhancements

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: State Route 203 between post miles 0.23 and 5.84 within the state right-of-way and US 395 between post miles R23.8 and R25.0

Project Location - City: Mammoth Lakes Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to increase pedestrian safety by installing high visibility crosswalk pavement markings in 11 locations along State Route 203 within Caltrans right-of-way. The project will apply recessed thermoplastic high visibility pavement markings to crosswalks, limit lines, and install Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant countdown timers and push buttons at crosswalk signals. New post-mounted signs will also be installed at the crosswalks. Recessed pavement markings and pavement markers will be installed at southbound US 395 at post mile 24.49 and northbound US 395 at post mile 24.46.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department 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(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

All work will be on disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way. With incorporation of avoidance and minimizations measures, the proposed project will not impact any known environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Heather Elder

Phone number: (760) 874-83250

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: *Kristopher Bason* Date: 02/19/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

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.