

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans, District 04
111 Grand Ave.
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Arcadian Capitol Span 2, Interstate 680/State Route 242 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans and Arcadian

Project Location - Specific: Contra Costa County I-680 Post Mile 10.4 to R18.7 and SR-242 Post Mile L0.0 to R3.4

Project Location - City: Concord

Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install underground broadband infrastructure, consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, and markers on Interstate 680 (I-680) between post mile (PM) 10.4 and PM R18.7 and on State Route 242 (SR 242) between PM L0.0 and PM R3.4 in Contra Costa County. This will provide the infrastructure necessary to connect to a third-party operated Last Mile Broadband Network which will bring internet connectivity to homes, businesses, and communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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:

Middle mile broadband initiative (MMBI) projects that are either installed underground or placed aerially along an existing pole in the right-of-way are exempt, under Senate Bill 156, which added section 21080.51 to the PRC.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Gassner

Phone number: (510) 506-0372

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: *Brian Jassner* Date: 02/25/2026 Title: 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.

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