

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans, District 04  
111 Grand Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Arcadian Capitol Span 3, State Route 4 and 160 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans and Arcadian

Project Location - Specific: Contra Costa County SR-4 Post Mile R14.7 to R30.4, SR-160 Post Mile L0.8 to L1.3, and Sacramento County SR-160 L0.0 to L1.3.

Project Location - City: Antioch                      Project Location - County: Contra Costa and Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install underground broadband infrastructure, consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, vaults, and markers on State Route 4 (SR 4) between post mile (PM) 14.7 and PM R30.4 and on SR 160 between PM L0.8 and PM L1.3 in Contra Costa County and on SR 160 between PM L0.0 and PM L1.3 in Sacramento 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 Gassner*      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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