

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
50 Higuera St
San Luis Obispo, CA 9401

Project Title: SR 17 Pavement Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 5

Project Location - Specific: NB State Route 017 PM 0.15 – 0.55 (Northbound only), NB State Route 001 PM 16.93 - 17.02 (Northbound ramp connector between SR1/17), State Route 152 PM 5.25 - 5.34 (Both Directions), State Route 152 PM 5.56 - 5.72 (Both Directions)

Project Location - City: Santa Cruz Project Location - County: Santa Cruz

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes to install non-rubberized Open Graded Friction Course (OGFC) on Northbound (NB) SR-017 and High Friction Surface Treatment (HFSR) on NB SR-001 and both directions on two segments of SR-152. The purpose of the project is to increase the traction of the pavement at target locations along SR 17, SR 1, and SR 152 in wet weather, enhancing the safety of the travelling public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 5

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 5

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: Section 15301. Class 1 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from CEQA under Class 1. Existing Facilities. The project falls under this category as it is limited in scope to the repair and maintenance of the existing highways, work occurs fully within existing State right of way, and no

additional lanes or other structures are proposed. The purpose of the project is to restore deteriorated pavement to meet current standards of public safety.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shelby Fredrick

Phone number: 805-319-0163

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: Shelby Fredrick Date: 02/26/2026 Title: Environmental Coordinator

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 02/26/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.