

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 6
1352 West Olive Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Project Title: Caltrans D6 CVIN EP 06-25-6-BB-1086

Project Applicant: CVIN, LLC

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 119 in Kern County at postmile 8.141

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Project Location - County: Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

CVIN, dba Vast Networks (CVIN), in partnership with the California Department of Technology, has proposed the installation of utility broadband network facilities within the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) right-of-way (ROW) along State Route (SR) 119 at post mile (PM) 8.141 on Dustin Access Road in Kern County in order to develop a broadband middle mile network system across large portions of Central California. The project involves the linear installation of broadband conduit and fiber optic cable, consisting of two (2) 1 ½-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) ducts using directional drilling (boring) methods, with a minimum depth of cover of 48 inches and two (2) bore pits measuring 3 feet wide by 5 feet long by 4 feet deep. Directional boring would be used to cross SR 119. This work is not part of the MMBN program.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 6

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CVIN, LLC

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: Class 5, 15305
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) Class 5 – Issuance of minor encroachment permits.


Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

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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:  Date: 03/04/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.