

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Caltrans District 8
464 West 4th Street
San Bernardino, CA 92401

(Address)

County Clerk

County of: Riverside
4080 Lemon Street
Riverside, CA 92501

Project Title: Middle-Mile Broadband ADF-D7-CD8-AR2 (Encroachment Permit 08-25-6-BB-0754)

Project Applicant: American Dark Fiber

Project Location—Specific:
08-RIV-062 PM 0.027

Project Location—City: Whitewater Project Location—County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The MMBN - ADF-D7-CD8-AR2 of the Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project is located along State Route 62 at PM 0.027 in Riverside County. Proposed work entails the placement of temporary traffic control signage and the installation of 501 linear feet of new 432 count fiberoptic cable on existing utility

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: American Dark Fiber

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:

The work proposed under permit 08-25-6-BB-0754 meets the conditions established in the Senate Bill 156 for Statutory Exemption. This permit is a component of the statewide open-access middle-mile broadband network, constructed within 30 feet of right of way, and incorporates measures to address potential environmental impacts.

Lead Agency _____ Area Code/Telephone/
Contact Person: Kenya Amezcua Extension: 9094722632

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: Kenya Amezcua Digitally signed by Kenya Amezcua
Date: 2026.03.09 11:25:26 -0700 Date: 3/9/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by:

- Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: _____