

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation- District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: CVIN, dba Vast Networks State Route 32 Middle-Mile Broadband Network Project (Encroachment Permit 03-25-6-BB-1331)

Project Applicant: CVIN, dba Vast Networks

Project Location - Specific: State Route 32 between post mile (PM) 9.9L and PM 10.156L in Butte County

Project Location - City: Near Chico Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

CVIN, dba Vast Networks, in coordination with the California Department of Technology and the California Department of Transportation, proposes to install broadband infrastructure consisting of conduit, fiber optic cable, and a vault on State Route 32 between PM 9.9L and PM 10.156L in Butte County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation-District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CVIN, dba Vast Networks

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: Public Resources Code Section 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Installation of broadband infrastructure is exempt by statute pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.51.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Dotrik Wilson

Phone number: (530) 821-3054

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: *Dotrik Wilson* Date: 3/16/2026 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.