

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

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From: (Public Agency): California Department of Transportation  
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County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Address)

Project Title: South Taft Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

**State Route 33 from 0.4 mile south of Cadet Road to Main Street.**

Project Location - City: Taft

Project Location - County: Kern

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The project proposes to cold plane the entire existing pavement by 0.10 feet and place back 0.20 Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (Type G). The project also has some electrical work, improve roadside signs, remove guardrails and replace with Mid-West Guardrail Systems, place shoulder backing along the roadway as needed within the project limits, and replace Transportation Management System elements. There will be night work and no new right of way will be required. The purpose of this pavement rehabilitation project is to extend the service life of the pavement by surfacing the existing roadway pavement. The project is needed to address the overall condition of the pavement within the project limits. The roadway is under distress and has deteriorated due to surface pavement failure.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

**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: 15301, Class 1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

**Routine maintenance and repair of an existing facility, not expanding on existing uses.**

Lead Agency John Thomas Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 408-4496  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

**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: *John Thomas* Date: 3/16/2026 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: \_\_\_\_\_