

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportations (Caltrans)
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95951

Project Title: NEV-49 Multimodal Corridor Project (03-0N780)

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 3

Project Location - Specific: Project is located in Nevada County along State Route (SR) 49 between post miles (PM) 15.07 and PM 16.10

Project Location - City: Nevada City Project Location - County: Nevada

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Nevada County Transportation Commission (NCTC) in coordination with Caltrans propose to address mobility and safety concerns along State Route (SR) 49 from the SR 20/SR 49 junction to the Nevada County Juvenile Hall by implementing new multi-use paths, sidewalks, enhanced crossings, and intersections improvements. This project is necessary to address transportation needs and improve accessibility and safety along SR 49. This SR 49 corridor lacks continuous bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure as well as safe crossing locations, limiting the ability of residents to safely access the Government Center, recreation destinations, and the commercial areas in Nevada City. The project will establish connectivity to destinations between residential, municipal and recreational areas and connect to existing and future pedestrian/bicycle facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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 1, Section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls under Class 1 Existing Facilities - Categorical Exemption. The project does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mundeep Purewal Phone number: 530-812-4370

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: Mundeep Purewal Date: 4/2/26 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.