

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Caltrans, District 04  
111 Grand Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Arcadian Redwood Span 1, Richmond to Mark West Middle Mile Broadband Network Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans and Arcadian

Project Location - Specific: I-580 and HW-101

Project Location - City: Santa Rosa, Mill Valley, Richmond Project Location - County: Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install broadband fiber high-density polyethylene conduit system along Interstate 580 from PM 1.21 to PM 6.24 in Contra Costa County, along Interstate 580 from PM 2.47 to PM 4.7 in Marin County, along Interstate 580 in Marin County from PM 4.7 to PM R.06 on Highway 101 in Sonoma County, along Highway 101 from PM 4.035 to PM 9.952 in Marin County, and along Highway 101 from PM 0.06 to PM 26.38 in Sonoma County. The 58.90-mile-long project alignment has segments in Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma counties along I-580 and Highway 101. It does not include the portion of Route 580 (PM 0.01 to 2.54) that crosses the San Francisco Bay on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. This portion of Route 580 is being permitted separately. This will provide the infrastructure necessary to connect to a third-party operated Last Mile Broadband Network which will bring internet connectivity to homes, businesses, and communities.

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: PRC 21080.51

Reasons why project is exempt:

Middle mile broadband initiative (MMBI) projects that are either installed underground or placed aerially along an existing pole in the right-of-way are exempt, under Senate Bill 156, which added section 21080.51 to the PRC.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Brian Gassner

Phone number: (510) 506-0372

**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: *Brian Gassner*      Date: <sup>04/02/2026</sup>                 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.

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