

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Arcadian Redwood Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Middle Mile Broadband Network Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans and Arcadian

Project Location - Specific: I-580, Post Miles 6.100-7.800

Project Location - City: San Rafael and Richmond Project Location - County: Marin and Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install broadband fiber high density polyethylene conduit system and upgrade the electrical substations on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Additional work includes installation of the 10-way future path micro duct and splice kits, closure and providing shuttle services for the public during bike path operations that fully impede the public's use of the bike path, work must be completed with cable tray installation with SEI original scope and timeline, and 1 year warranty craftsmanship defect and material installed and/or provided by SEI. 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: ^{04/02/2026} 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.

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