

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans, District 04  
111 Grand Ave.  
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: Middle Mile Broadband Network Project - ADF-F17-CD4-UG3

Project Applicant: Caltrans and American Dark Fiber

Project Location - Specific: SR-17, Post Miles 4.476

Project Location - City: Los Gatos Project Location - County: Santa Clara

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Installation of approximately 10 feet of broadband infrastructure along State Route 17 within the State Highway System. Three (3) 1.25-inch and one 2-inch diameter high-density polyethylene conduits would be installed underground. Conduit installation would occur in Caltrans right of way and will involve digging a trench about 12-24 inches wide and 48 inches deep. 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: 04/08/2026      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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