

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: Middle Mile Broadband Network Project - ADF-F23-CD4-UG1

Project Applicant: Caltrans and American Dark Fiber

Project Location - Specific: SR-262, Post Miles 0.644-0.649

Project Location - City: Fremont Project Location - County: Alameda

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Install a portion of the Middle-Mile Broadband Network (MMBN) on State Route (SR) 262. This project is located along State Route 262 at post mile (PM) R0.642, within Caltrans right-of-way in Alameda County. The proposed work involves installing temporary traffic control signage and 29 linear feet of new 1.25-inch and 4-inch-high density polyethylene (HDPE) conduits with fiber-optic cables. To facilitate installation, an open-trench construction method will be used to place the new facilities within Caltrans right-of-way. 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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