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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**Project Title:**

Retro-Reflective Signal Backplate Installation Project

**Control Number:**

PLER2024-00091

**Project Location:**

The project is located at various signalized intersections located throughout the unincorporated Sacramento County.

**APN:**

Various

**Description of Project:**

This project will provide enhanced visibility of traffic signal indications by upgrading signal backplates to include retro-reflective yellow borders. This project will not require groundwork or excavation.

**Name of public agency approving project:**

Sacramento County – ceqa@saccounty.gov

**Person or agency carrying out project:**

Sacramento County Department of Transportation  
Contact: Don Nguyen  
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**Exempt Status:**

Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Class 1 consists of the repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities and mechanical equipment, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, including the addition of safety protection devices on existing structures and navigational devices. Implementation of the project will add reflective yellow borders on existing traffic signal heads to provide enhanced signal visibility resulting in no expansion of existing or former use. Therefore, the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA.

## Section 15300.2-Exceptions

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *For Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11, will the project occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations?*

The Project Exemption is not one of the above Classes and this exception does not apply.

2. *Will cumulative impacts be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place over time?*

As it stands, the Project will not result in potentially significant impacts. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment.

4. *Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway?*

The Project is not located within the vicinity of this scenic highway. Therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *Is the project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?*

The project includes the placement of reflective yellow borders on existing signal heads and will not result in any ground disturbing activities on sites listed pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the government code or demolition of structures containing hazardous materials. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource?*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

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