

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: I-8 Guardrail & Concrete Barrier Installation

Project Applicant: Caltrans, District 11

Project Location - Specific: I-8, Ballantyne Ln UC to 2nd St. In El Cajon (PM 16.0-17.4)

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a SHOPP reactive safety improvement project located on I-8 PM 16.0 to 17.4, from Ballantyne Ln. undercrossing (UC) to 2nd St. in El Cajon in San Diego County. The scope includes installing Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and concrete barrier type 60M (approx. 6340 ft) on the westbound right shoulder, including on the entrance and exit ramps. The project would upgrade (10) and install new (9) overside drains. The project would also include the installation of TL-2 crash cushions on the ends of the barriers at the 2nd St. on-ramp and Mollison Ave. off-ramp/on-ramp; and replacement of signs and striping in proposed impact areas.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

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: 15301, Class1
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project consists of the addition of safety devices for use in conjunction with existing structures and facilities to improve safety of road users by preventing roadway departure events. The existing facilities do not contain concrete barriers or have guardrail systems that do not meet current standards. Specifically, the project aims to reduce fatal and serious injuries by installing MGS and concrete barrier.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Leticia Santillana

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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: *Leticia Santillana* Date: 4/15/2026 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 4/16/2026

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.