

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) – District 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, CA 95205

Project Title: 10-1T690-State Route 108 & Morris Ave Intersection Improvements

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Intersection of State Route (SR) 108 and Morris Ave, at Post Mile 23.44 in Stanislaus County.

Project Location - City: Modesto

Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to replace the existing signal head, install back plated with retro reflective borders to all existing traffic signal heads, and re-striping at the intersection. All work will occur within existing Caltrans Right of Way, and no additional right of way acquisition or utility relocation is anticipated. The purpose of this project is to replace the permissive signal with a protected left turn signal to help address broadside collisions due to motorists failing to yield. The project is needed because the intersection is experiencing fatal and severe injuries caused by broadside collisions.

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: 1 Existing Facilities section 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, cultural resources, scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ishnav Guleria

Phone number: 209-986-1231

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: *Ashnav Guleria* Date: 4/16/2026 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

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.