

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, California 960010

Project Title: 273 Detection Upgrade 2 (02-4K160)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 2

Project Location - Specific: State Route 273 at 3rd Street/Alexander Avenue in City of Anderson and State Route 273 at Breslauer Way in the City of Redding.

Project Location - City: Anderson and Redding Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the project is to improve signal operations, reliability, and maintainability of traffic signals by upgrading the vehicle and bicycle detection systems.

The project is needed because the traffic signals at 3rd Street/Alexander Avenue and Breslauer Way would benefit from improved reliability if the traffic signals were upgraded with modern microwave and video detections systems. An upgraded, more accurate detection system allows Caltrans to rapidly upload traffic flow data and evaluate traffic conditions in real time as well as long-term planning.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 2

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 2

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: Class 1(c), Section 15301 Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project is exempt under Class 1(d), Section 15301 Existing Facilities as the project proposes to replace and upgrade existing vehicle and bicycle detection systems. The proposed work does not remove vegetation, increase impervious service, negatively impact plant, wildlife, waterways, cultural resources nor visual aesthetics.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Eric L. Rulison


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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:  Date: 06/02/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

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.