

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
111 Grand Ave.
Oakland, Ca 94612

Project Title: 04-4W420 Bridge Health Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Interstate (I) 680, Walnut Creek Bridge and Grayson Creek Bridge

Project Location - City: Walnut Creek Project Location - County: Contra Costa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to preserve the structural integrity of the structures to prevent bridge failure. Based on the Structure Maintenance and Investigation (SMI) current determination, these decks exhibit cracks, deterioration, and spalls. These conditions would affect the structural integrity of the structures and ultimately the safety of the traveling public.

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: Class 1(D) 15300
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project consists of bridge rehabilitation work needed to maintain the integrity of the bridge structures. It does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, or adversely impact sensitive plants or wildlife species.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Claudia Soto Phone number: 510-932-2197

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: Claudia Soto Date: 7/28/2026 Title: 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.