

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: DOT, Caltrans
1656 Union St.
Eureka, CA. 95501

Project Title: HM4-TMS Arcata-Piercy CMS 26/27

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Humboldt County State Route 101 at postmile 87.7 and Mendocino County State Route 101 at postmile R103.4.

Project Location - County: Humboldt, Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is undertaking a State-Funded project in Humboldt and Mendocino counties near Arcata and near Piercy on route 101 at the Arcata overhead and at the route 101/271 separation. Work will consist of replacing obsolete Changeable Message Sign systems, wiring within existing conduit cabinets, controllers and other associated cabinet components. The project aims to enhance the operational efficiency and reliability of the existing traffic management system. All replacements will utilize current industry-standard equipment. All work will be confined to the existing State right-of-way, with no soil or vegetation disturbance anticipated beyond the existing pavement/disturbed areas. Caltrans Maintenance forces and the traveling public will benefit from the project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: DOT, 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, California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15301, existing facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is maintenance of an existing facility and wouldn't have a significant impact on the environment or historic properties.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James McIntosh

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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: James McIntosh Date: 7-29-2026 Title: Senior Env 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.