

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: South Area Bridge 26/27

Project Applicant: DOT, Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: various bridge locations specifically at Lake County state route (SR) 20, postmile (PM) 8.89, Lake County SR 29, PM R37.57, Mendocino County (MEN) SR 101, PM 57.67, MEN SR 101 PM R102.68, MEN SR 162, PM R0.03, MEN SR 162, PM 2.21, MEN SR 162, PM 10.08, MEN SR 253, PM 15.06, and MEN SR 271, PM 17.03.

Project Location - County: Lake, Mendocino

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is developing a bridge project on Routes 20, 29, 101, 162, 253, and 271 in Lake and Mendocino Counties at various locations. The work will consist of polyester concrete overlays, replacing joint seals, treating bridge decks with methacrylate, cold planing/replacing 0.25-.33 foot depth AC at approaches and departures, and placing traffic delineation. All work will be within the existing State right of way. Equipment staging will be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated turnouts. Construction Area Signs and Portable Changeable Message Signs will tentatively be placed with negligible soil disturbance. The purpose of the project is to preserve the structural integrity of these structures in a safe and economic manner to delay, prevent, or minimize major rehabilitation or replacement through preventative maintenance strategies. The traveling public will benefit from this 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 existing facilities and wouldn't have a significant impact on the environment or historic properties.

Lead Agency Contact Person: James McIntosh

Phone number: 707-502-8041

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: 7-30-2026 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.