

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation
500 South Main Street
Bishop, Ca 93514

Project Title: South Sherwin SB#2 Mill and Fill

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: On U.S. Route 395, from post miles R0.0 to R2.5, in Mono County

Project Location - City: Mesa, Round Vally, Swall Meadows

Project Location - County: Mono

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the pavement through preventative maintenance on U.S. Route 395 in Mono County, from the Inyo County Line to 2.5 miles north of the Inyo County Line. The pavement within the project limits shows signs of cracking and deformation (wheel tracks) and needs to be rehabilitated. The project proposes a 0.20' cold plane of existing pavement and placement of 0.20' hot mix asphalt on the southbound #2 lane. Existing pavement markings and traffic stripes will be removed and replaced with methyl methacrylate paint pavement markings and methyl methacrylate paint traffic stripes on both lanes. All work and staging areas will be performed within Caltrans right-of-way in previously disturbed areas. No ground disturbance is anticipated.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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: 15301 Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project aims to restore and rehabilitate deteriorated existing highway with no expansion of existing use in alignment with CEQA Categorical Exemption 15301 Class 1(c). The proposed work will be conducted on existing pavement on U.S. Route 395, and staging areas will be limited to previously disturbed areas within Caltrans right-of-way. By adhering to the environmental commitments identified by the technical studies, this project will not impact any known environmental resources. No exceptions to Categorical Exemptions apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kristopher Bason

Phone number: (760) 784-4056

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: *Kristopher Bason* Date: 10/26/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor

☒ 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.

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