Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: Caltrans District 5
50 Higuera St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93410

Project Title: SR 25 Highway Safety Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: Route 25 postmiles R51.21 to 60.08

Project Location - City: Near Hollister Project Location - County: San Benito

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Grind and pave/micro-surface the existing paving, refresh striping and pavement markers, install rumble strips, install reflectors on existing K-rail and MGS, upgrade crash cushions, install high-impact channelizers in advance of crash cushions, and install additional speed limit signs.

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 1c
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Categorical exemption under class 1 section c of CEQA exemption types. No environmental impacts anticipated.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Julia Mousavi Phone number: 805-441-0007

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: 8/25/2026 Title: Environmental Planner

☒ 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.