

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation - District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

Project Title: Pedestrian Improvements and Wrong Way Driver Prevention Project (EA: 03-4G020)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 3

Project Location - Specific: Various off ramps and intersections on State Route (SR) 162 in Butte County, on SR 174 in Nevada County, and on Interstate 5 and SR 160 in Sacramento County.

Project Location - City: Oroville; Grass Valley; Sacramento

Project Location - County: Butte; Nevada; Sacramento

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a Highway Maintenance Safety (HM-4 Safety) project to install wrong-way driver packages, upgrade roadside signs, and upgrade crosswalks to ladder patterns on various routes at various post miles in Butte, Nevada, and Sacramento Counties. The purpose of this HM-4 Safety project is to improve driver and pedestrian safety at off ramps and intersections in Butte, Nevada, and Sacramento Counties.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

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(c), California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project involves minor alterations to an existing highway and would not expand the use of the existing highway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bibiana Rodriguez

Phone number: (530) 720-9957

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: Bibiana Rodriguez Date: 8/28/2026 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.