Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation District 9
500 South Main Street
Bishop, CA 93514

Project Title: North Sierra Highway Pedestrian Crossings

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation District 9

Project Location - Specific: On U.S. Route 395 at post miles 116.8 and 117.5 in Bishop, California

Project Location - City: Bishop Project Location - County: Inyo

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of the project is to complete the installation of a pedestrian hybrid beacon and rectangular rapid flashing beacon on U.S. Route 395. This project is needed to complete the two partially installed pedestrian crossing features and ensure full functionality of these two features. Caltrans District 9 is proposing to install and hook up a pedestrian hybrid beacon and a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at two separate locations on existing cast-in drilled hole pile foundations. To complete installation, Southern California Edison will alter or relocate their utilities to clear the new beacons. In addition, work proposed for this project includes minor concrete patching around utility poles that may need to be replaced in-kind, installation of new sign panels on existing sign poles, and placement of new pavement markings.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation District 9

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation District 9

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed project will occur on the existing highway within Caltrans right-of-way. The proposed project will not impact any known environmental resources.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Amber Stoerp Phone number: 760-937-4666

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: 10/8/2026 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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