Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans, District 06
2015 E. Shields Ave., Suite 100
Fresno, CA 9372

Project Title: KIN, KER-5 Repair PCC Panels

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

On Interstate 5 (I-5), between postmile (PM) 7.4 in Kings County and PM 86.7 in Kern County.

Project Location - City: Kettleman/ Lost Hills Project Location - County: Kings/ Kern

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
This Director's Order project will remove and replace Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) panel failures that are occurring on the northbound and southbound lanes of I-5. The scope of work will include removing and replacing the PCC panels that are broken and deteriorating with Hot Mix Asphalt. Traffic control with night closures is expected. All work will take place in Caltrans right-of-way.

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: Class 1, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Caltrans has determined the proposed PCC repairs on SR I-5 fall under the CEQA Class 1 Categorical Exemption and will not have significant impacts by incorporating proper and accepted Caltrans standard practices and following environmental commitments.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Shane Gunn Phone number: 559-832-0051

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: Shane Gunn Date: 10/26/2026 Title: Senior Env. Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resource Cod