Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8, Environmental Planning
464 West 4th Street, MS 823
San Bernardino, California 92401

Project Title: Traffic Signal Upgrades at SR-111
Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Intersections of Racquet Club Road and N. Avenida Caballeros Avenue along SR-111; PM T53.376/54.413

Project Location - City: Palm Springs Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to install fully protected left turn phases, a video detection system, and new traffic signal poles where needed at the intersections of Racquet Club Road and North Avenida Caballeros along State Route 111 (SR-111). All work would be done within the State right of way.

The purpose of this project is to modify traffic signal intersection with the protected left turn arrow indication to reduce collisions, congestion and enhance safety.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 8

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) Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor altercation of existing public structures, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The work would occur on an existing highway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng Phone number: (909) 261-3955

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: Malisa Liang Date: 10/29/2026 Title: Sr. 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.