Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Marin

From: Caltrans District 4 Office of Maintenance Environmental
111 Grand Ave
Oakland, CA 94612

Project Title: US-101 Lomita Drive Drainage Improvements DDO (EA 04-1V850)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on northbound (NB) US-101 near Lomita Drive at post mile (PM) 6.2 in the Town of Corte Madera, Marin County.

Project Location - City: Corte Madera Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes improving drainage on northbound (NB) US-101 near Lomita Drive at post mile (PM) 6.2 in Marin County. An existing 24-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) drainage pipe conveys runoff from NB US-101 through the Lomita Drive area and adjacent private properties. The facility was constructed in 1957,with approximately 100 feet of the original pipe remaining between the County parking lot and the properties at Lamita 2 and Lomita 12. The existing drainage alignment runs through private residential properties and requires modification to maintain adequate drainage conveyance, improve the reliability of the highway drainage system, and minimize potential drainage impacts to adjacent properties.

The project will install approximately 100 linear feet (LF) of 24-inch alternative pipe culvert and two manholes, and abandon the existing drainage pipe alignment through private properties. The proposed work will modify the existing drainage alignment and address the current configuration within the private properties. This work is necessary to maintain proper drainage function, reduce the potential for drainage-related damage to adjacent properties, and protect the US-101 highway drainage system. Completing the work will provide a more reliable drainage connection and reduce the likelihood of future maintenance and drainage issues associated with the existing alignment.

Traffic control will be required during construction. Changeable message signs (CMS) and construction area signs will be installed prior to construction.

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: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301 Class 1
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
Class 1 Existing Facilities. The project is not anticipated to result in any environmental impacts. The project contains a number of standardized project measures which are employed on most, if not all, Caltrans projects and were not developed in response to any environmental impacts resulting from the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Juliane Smith Phone number: (510) 926-0426

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: Juliane Smith Date: 11/19/26

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (NEPA/CEQA Specialist)

☒ 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.