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 San Rafael Viaduct Hinge Failure Repair DO (EA 04-1V640)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located at Bent 49 of the US-101 San Rafael Viaduct (Br. No. 27-0035R) at post mile (PM) 10.8 in the City of San Rafael, Marin County.

Project Location - City: San Rafael Project Location - County: Marin

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes repairing a hinge failure that occurred at Bent 49 of the US-101 San Rafael Viaduct (Br. No. 27-0035R) at post mile (PM) 10.8 in the City of San Rafael, Marin County. The bolts and plates have sheared, resulting in a 2- to 3-inch settlement of the bridge deck. The observed shearing of the bolts and plates indicates that critical components of the hinge connection are no longer functioning as intended. The resulting deck settlement demonstrates that the damaged hinge assembly has experienced a loss of its ability to maintain the intended alignment and elevation of the bridge deck at Bent 49. The project will involve installing steel shims beneath the suspended span (lanes 3 and 4) to address the bridge deck settlement. Nondestructive testing and inspection will then be conducted. A polyester concrete overlay will be placed on the low side of the bridge to restore the roadway profile. Traffic striping and pavement delineation will be replaced.

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 documents. 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 specific environmental impacts.

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: 11/19/2026

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.