

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 11
4050 Taylor Street
San Diego CA 92110

Project Title: I-15 Ramp Microsurfacing - 2N071

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
In San Diego County on Interstate 15 between post mile R6.5 and 10.9.

Project Location - City: San Diego Project Location - County: SD

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to resurface multiple ramps on Interstate 15 between postmiles R6.5 to 10.9 (see page 2 for a list of locations). All work will be within Caltrans right-of-way. The purpose of this project is to extend the life expectancy of the ramps. This project is needed due to pavement cracking and unevenness.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:
Maintenance of existing highway.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: San Li Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-688-3139

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: [Signature] Date: 8/6/19 Title: Associate Environm

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [ ] Signed by Applicant

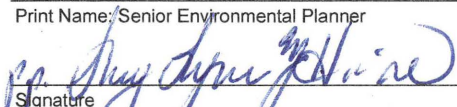
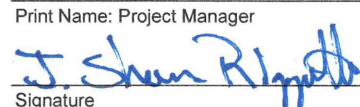
Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Cc

Date Received for filing at (

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August 6, 2019
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**

<b>11 SD 15</b>	<b>R6.5/10.9</b>	<b>11-2N071</b>	<b>1119000163</b>
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</b> (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)			
<p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to microsurface multiple ramps on Interstate 15 between postmiles R6.5 to 10.9 (see page 2 for a list of locations). All work will be within Caltrans right-of-way. The purpose of this project is to extend the life expectancy of the ramps. This project is needed due to pavement cracking and unevenness.</p> <p>See the Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) for a list of avoidance and minimization measures.</p>			
<b>CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION</b> (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA	
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Categorically Exempt. Class 1.</b> (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)			
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.</li> <li>• There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.</li> <li>• There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.</li> <li>• This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.</li> <li>• This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").</li> <li>• This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.</li> </ul>			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Common Sense Exemption.</b> [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]			
<b>Olga Estrada</b>		<b>J. Shawn Rizzutto</b>	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner		Print Name: Project Manager	
			
Signature		Signature	
Date: 8/1/19		Date: 08/06/19	
<b>NEPA COMPLIANCE</b>			
In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and</li> <li>• has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).</li> </ul>			
<b>CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION</b> (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>23 USC 326:</b> The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(___)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(___)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>23 USC 327:</b> Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.			
<b>N/A</b>		<b>N/A</b>	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner		Print Name: Project Manager	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A		Date of ECR or equivalent : 7/31/19	

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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Continuation Sheet**

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**List of ramp locations:**

- Friars Road Overcrossing
- Murphy Canyon Road Onramp
- Aero Drive Overcrossing
- Tierrasanta Boulevard / Balboa Avenue Overcrossing
- Clairement Mesa Boulevard Overcrossing
- State Route 52 / Interstate 15 Separation Interchange

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