

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Jurupa Road Grade Separation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0049-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Project is located on 73.21 acres of existing roadway and adjacent property at the intersection of Van Buren Boulevard and Jurupa Road, in the City of Jurupa Valley, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.9973°, Longitude - 117.4847°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0049-R6, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Riverside County Transportation Department.

The Project is limited to a proposed grade separation to eliminate two existing Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) at-grade crossings located on Jurupa Road - a 3-track crossing at DOT Crossing #810979D and the UPRR wye (rail) at DOT Crossing #810980X. The proposed Project will widen the existing Bly Channel triple box culvert south of Jurupa Road.

Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Riverside County Transportation Department

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. Type – Sec. 15282 (g), (PRC) 21080.13
 Categorical Exemption.

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project will eliminate an existing at-grade crossing at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) grade crossing located on Jurupa Road in the City of Jurupa Valley, thus the project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Statutory Exemption per the California Code of Regulation (CCR) 15282(g), such that the project clearly constitutes the action as described in Public Resource Code (PRC) 21080.13 in which any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation is Statutorily Exempt under CEQA per Section 21080.13 of the Public Resource Code (PRC).

“(g) Any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation as set forth in Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code.”

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