

Dennis Acuna, P.E., T.E. Director of Transportation **COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE** *TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY*

Transportation Department NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Hector D. Davila, P.E. Deputy for Transportation Capital Projects

Russell Williams Deputy for Transportation Planning and Development

April 18, 2024

PROJECT TITLE: Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter Access Road and Culvert Repair Project Work Order# ZD40135C Task Code # Z1660

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: City of Jurupa Valley

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department in coordination with the Riverside County Department of Animal Services proposes to repair storm damage to the fire emergency access road (Pedley Road) at the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter. The project site is generally located south/southeast of the animal shelter, west of Van Buren Blvd, in the City of Jurupa Valley.

The fire emergency access road encountered major erosion during recent rains including partial roadway collapse that left a large cavity, eroded the side slope, and undermined portions of the existing reinforced concrete pipes that resulted in a collapsed concrete headwall.

The proposed emergency work will include diverting existing water flow, and removal of the debris from the cavity created by the erosion. Restoration of slopes, rock slope protection (ungrouted riprap) and geotextile fabric, installation of new 36" reinforced concrete pipes (RCPs), and fill in the undermined and eroded cavities will occur. Clearing and grubbing of approximately 0.39 acres will occur prior to construction. The total area of disturbance (within stream/vegetated areas plus construction access points and staging area) is approximately 0.81 acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

Pedley Road is an existing paved, emergency access road that provides emergency (fire) personnel access to the back of the Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter and the Santa Ana Riverbed. The emergency repair work is to repair and restore the emergency access road so that its safe for vehicular/pedestrian access. No additional capacity or improvements will take place beyond what the existing conditions were prior to the rain events.

This emergency repair is subject to compliance with the Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRCMSHCP). In accordance with Section 7.3.3.1,

emergency repairs of public infrastructure facilities by Permittees are Covered Activities. Emergency repair of Pedley Road is considered an emergency repair of a public infrastructure facility; therefore, the project is considered a Covered Activity under the WRCMSHCP.

The County of Riverside Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

Section 15269 (b) (c) and (d) - Statutory Exemption for Emergency Projects -Emergency repairs are planned in order to restore access to Pedley Road. CEQA Guidelines Section 15269, Emergency Projects, allows emergency repairs (b) to a public facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or welfare, (c) specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency and (d) to maintain, repair, or restore an existing public facility damaged by flood. The proposed activities qualify to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under Section 15269 (b) (c) and (d) because the activities consist of necessary repair of a roadway (damaged by flood) to maintain service essential to the public health and safety.

Section 15301(c) – Existing Facilities – The County of Riverside Transportation Department proposes to conduct emergency repairs to Pedley Road. The proposed emergency repair to the roadway is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) because the activity does not create additional automobile lanes and involves no expansion of use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

By: Lisa Wadley, PMP, Associate Transportation Planner/Biologist

Signed: Jan Bulinski Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager



Patricia Romo

Interim Director

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DATE: April 18, 2024

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

RE: Western Riverside County/City Animal Shelter Access Road and Culvert Repair Project W.O.# ZD40135C Task Code # Z1660

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Lisa Wadley. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at lwadley@rivco.org.

Attachment

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

AUTHORIZATION TO BILL BY JOURNAL VOUCHER

<u>-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-</u> 537280-20000-3130500000 ZD40135C Z1660

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD40135C, Task Code Z1660_____

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: April 18, 2024

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

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AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Jan Bulinski Signature:

PRESENTED BY:

: Lisa Wadley, PMP, Associate Transportation Planner/Biologist

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY:

DATE:

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