

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Caltrans – District 12
1750 E 4th St. #100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: 12-0U590 SR-73 Bridge Preservation

Project Applicant: Caltrans – District 12

Project Location - Specific: ORA-73-10.3/R26.8

Project Location - City: Laguna Niguel, Laguna Hills, Laguna Beach, Aliso Viejo, Newport Beach, Irvine, and Costa Mesa

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project consists of a variation of deck spall repairs, methacrylate deck seal treatment, joint seal replacement, and bearing pad replacements at 22 bridge locations along State Route 73. Purpose of this project is to extend the useful service life of the bridge structure by patching miscellaneous desk spalls, placing protective bridge methacrylate sealant, and replacing joint seals and bearing pads. The primary need is to protect the bridge superstructure from premature failure by preventing water intrusion from getting into the bridge deck cracks and joint seals.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans – District 12

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans – District 12

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: CCR Tit. 14 § 15301(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Sunny Saroa

Phone number: (949) 556-2513

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: Smita Deshpande Date: Nov 18, 2024 Title: Sr. Environmental Scientist

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.