

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Modoc

108 E. Modoc Street

Alturas, CA 96101

From: (Public Agency): County of Modoc

203 W. 4th Street

Alturas, CA 96101

(Address)

Project Title: Modoc County Road 91 Road Rehabilitation Project (EX2024-11)

Project Applicant: Modoc County Road Department

Project Location - Specific:

County Road 91 within Modoc County

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Modoc

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Modoc County proposes to resurface/rehabilitate the existing County Road 91 roadway from the intersection of SR 299 to intersection of SR 139 to address safety issues identified in the Modoc County Local Road Safety Plan (LRSP), adopted by the Modoc County Board of Supervisors on August 24, 2021, improve the roadway surface quality, and extend the lifespan of the pavement structure. See project description continued.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Modoc

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Modoc County Road Dept./Jim Richardson

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: 15301, Existing Facilities
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

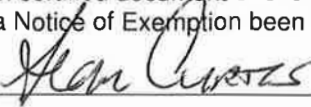
The proposed rehabilitation of the existing pavement of County Road 91 will be limited to the existing paved surface consisting of approximately 10-foot lanes with 1-foot shoulders and roadway prism beneath the existing paved surface. No rehabilitation work is anticipated outside of the existing pavement and no shoulder work or pavement widening is necessary. The construction activities will be within Modoc County's roadway easement. The Project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA Section 15301, Class 1: Existing highways and streets.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Sean Curtis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 233-7651

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:  Date: 14 JAN 25 Title: Interim Planning Director

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 Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description Continued:

The current condition of the existing pavement in the project area has several issues that are impacting the ride quality, increasing maintenance activities, and reducing the friction potential between the vehicle tires and roadway.

The proposed rehabilitation of the existing pavement of County Road 91 will be limited to the existing paved surface consisting of approximately 10-foot lanes with 1-foot shoulders and roadway prism beneath the existing paved surface. No rehabilitation work is anticipated outside of the existing pavement and no shoulder work or pavement widening is necessary. Rehabilitation work within the existing pavement and prism directly beneath is not anticipated to exceed a depth of approximately 1 foot. The total length of the project area is approximately 26.9 miles within Modoc County. By improving the pavement surface the project will improve the surface quality and ride quality. The project will incorporate roadside warning signs, as identified in the LRSP as a high-priority countermeasure, to improve safety along this corridor. Installation of roadside warning signs will require sign posts to be driven into the ground to a depth of approximately 3 feet at each identified signage location; however, no excavation or other ground disturbing work is anticipated.

A geotechnical report has identified portions of the existing roadway surface that are in need of a grind and overlay and portions requiring a dig-out (pavement and base layer removal/repair). The remaining areas of the roadway will be resurfaced with either a micro-surfacing treatment or a traditional Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay, as identified in the geotechnical report. Per the LRSP, there are also ten curves in the project that would benefit from the addition of High Friction Surface Treatment (HFST), advanced curve warning signs, and “chevron” warning signs. No shoulder work or pavement widening is necessary.

The project also proposes to install advanced warning rumble strips at the northern terminus of County Road 91 at Highway 139 and on County Road 91 north of the approach to Highway 299. These rumble strips will be placed on the County roadway surface outside of Caltrans right-of-way to alert drivers of the approaching intersection and stop sign.