

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: California Department of Transportation – District 12
1750 E 4th St #100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: Replace CMS on Route 57 and Replace Loops/Install Piezo on Routes 73 and 261

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 12

Project Location - Specific: SR-57 PM 21.5, SR-73 PM 11.8, SR-261 PM 0.07/5.8

Project Location - City: Brea, Irvine, Laguna Hills, Orange

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project proposes to conduct maintenance activities at various points on State Routes 57, 73, and 261 in the cities of Brea, Irvine, Laguna Hills, and Orange. The purpose of the project is to replace a Changeable Message Sign (CMS) on Route 57 and replace loops and install piezoelectric axle sensors at existing census stations on Routes 73 and 261. The project is needed to extend the productive life and improve traffic census activities on the listed State Routes. The project is state funded only with HM-4 funds. There is no disturbed soil associated with the project, and all work will occur within Caltrans ROW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation – District 12

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation – 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(d)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

Lead Agency Contact Person: William Polster

Phone number: (949) 433-3380

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: Jan 16, 2025 Title: Senior 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.