

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Riverside

**From:** (Public Agency): Riverside County Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 1208  
Riverside, CA 92502-2208

(Address)

Project Title: Riverside-Downtown Metrolink Station At-Grade Crossings Upgrade Project

Project Applicant: Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

Project Location - Specific:

4066 Vine Street, Riverside, CA 92507

Project Location - City: Riverside Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

RCTC proposes to implement improvements at two pedestrian at-grade crossings at the Riverside-Downtown Train Station: the Main Entrance and Southwestern Pedestrian Crossings. The design of the pedestrian-rail grade crossings and installation of pedestrian treatments at the Station were evaluated per the SCRRRA Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Manual (January 2021). The Station has a constrained footprint, which limits the types of improvements that can be installed. Per SCRRRA, a pedestrian crossing adjacent to a passenger station with constrained right-of-way requires channelization, passive warning devices such as signage, detectable strips, and swing gates. The area does not allow for installation of SCRRRA's standard layout for pedestrian crossing treatments, which include crossing gate arms and swing gates. The proposed solutions include improvements using CPUC General Order No. 75-D guidelines. The purpose of the project is to provide uniform, consistent treatments to minimize confusion to Station users and enhance accessibility.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Riverside County Transportation Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: David Lewis, Capital Projects Manager

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: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: CEQA Guidelines Article 18 Section 15275 (b)

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is statutorily exempt from CEQA under Public Resources Code section 21080(b)(12) and State CEQA Guidelines section 15275, both of which exempt projects that relate to the "facility extensions not to exceed four miles in length which are required for the transfer of passengers from or to exclusive public mass transit guideway or busway public transit services." Here, the project falls within this exemption as it seeks to implement improvements at two pedestrian crossings along an existing public mass transit guideway and will not exceed four miles in length.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: David Lewis Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (951) 787-7970

**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: David Lewis Digitally signed by David Lewis  
Date: 2025.01.08 08:49:02 -08'00' Date: 1/08/2025 Title: Capital Project Manager

▪ 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: \_\_\_\_\_