

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk  
County of ORANGE

**From:** Caltrans District 12  
1750 E. Fourth St. Suite 100  
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: SAFETY MINOR B 0V300

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route 73 PM 21.075

Project Location - City: Newport Beach

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Safety Minor B project consists of improvements on Northbound State Route 73 (NB SR-73) off-ramp to Newport Coast Drive in the City of Newport Beach, Orange County. Work activities include removal of existing Wrong Way signs on both sides of the off ramp and installing new set of DO NOT ENTER and WRONG WAY on both sides of the off-ramp to enhance reflectivity for better visibility, removal and replacement of other signs, addition of arrow markings on NB and Southbound (SB) Newport Coast Drive, refreshing of NB off ramp and intersection pavement delineation and markings, installation of wrong way red backed retro-reflective pavement markings, replacement of advisory sign, insertion of additional chevron sign at existing chevron signs at 80 feet spacing between the signs of the curve, installation of retroreflective yellow backplates around each signal head located on all four sides of intersection for a total of 11 signal heads, , removal and replacement of EV Charging station sign, installation of 2 pedestrian metal barricades across the two ends of NB and SB SR-73 lanes, installation of new Irvine sign, and off-ramp gore chevron pavement delineation installation at the exist ramp of NB SR-73 to Newport Coast Drive. The purpose of the project is to reduce the occurrences of potential wrong way entries into NB SR-73 Off Ramp to Newport Coast Drive by enhancing existing signing, marking and delineation in the area. The public benefits.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: 15300 Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 1(d)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bahar Heydari

Phone number: 949-358-4691

**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: 2/25/25

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.