

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 Street, St. 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: 12-0V550, South I-5 Bake Parkway Off-Ramp Hinge Replacement

Project Applicant: Caltrans – District 12

Project Location - Specific: ORA-005-21.33/22.00

Project Location - City: Irvine Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes to remove and replace a compromised bridge hinge joint steel assembly (JSA) - (hinge 7 along the SB I-5 Bake Pkwy Off-Ramp). This off ramp bridge structure (Bridge ID – 55-0739K) and hinge location spans above a portion of an Irvine Spectrum parking lot Work includes removing the JSA and replacing with a new steel JSA and place rapid set concrete over hinge 7. All equipment will be staged off-site and a ramp closure will be needed during construction. Removal and installation of the JSA will take a maximum of 7 nights of work. No Disturbed Soil Area is expected. The project is funded with State funds only. No acquisitions or temporary construction easements are needed.

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(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: 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: 03/25/25 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.