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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

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County of: Riverside
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From:
Public Agency: Riverside County Transportation
Address: 4080 Lemon St. 3rd Floor
PO Box 12008, Riverside CA 92502
Contact: Jeff Dietzler
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Caltrans District 8
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019100381

Project Title: I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside

Project Description:
The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to construct new lanes along I-15 between post mile (PM) 21.2 and PM 38.1 in Riverside County, California. The primary component of the I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) Project (Project) would be the addition of two tolled express lanes in both the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) directions within the median of Interstate (I-) 15 from State Route (SR-) 74 (Central Avenue) (PM 22.3) in the City of Lake Elsinore, through the unincorporated Riverside County community of Temescal Valley, to El Cerrito Road (PM 38.1) in the City of Corona, for a distance of approximately 15.8 miles.

This is to advise that the Riverside County Transportation Commission has approved the above
(☐ Lead Agency or ☒ Responsible Agency)

described project on 12/10/25 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
4080 Lemon St. 3rd Fl., P.O. Box 12008 Riverside, CA 92502

Signature (Public Agency): Jeff Dietzler Digitally signed by Jeff Dietzler DN: E=jdietzler@rctc.org, CN=Jeff Dietzler Reason: I am the author of this document Date: 2025.12.10 16:02:08-08'00' Title: Capital Project Manager

Date: December 10, 2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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Project Description

I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) (SCH#: 2019100381)

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The Project would also add a SB auxiliary lane between both the Main Street (PM 21.2) Off-Ramp and SR-74 (Central Avenue) On-Ramp (approximately 0.75 mile), and the SR-74 (Central Avenue) Off-Ramp and Nichols Road On-Ramp (PM 23.9) (approximately 1 mile). Along with the lane additions, which would extend from PM 21.2 to PM 38.1, the Project would include widening of up to 15 bridges; potential construction of noise barriers, retaining walls, and drainage systems; and implementation of electronic toll collection equipment and signs. In addition, due to the SB express lanes access between the Cajalco Road and Weirick Road Interchanges, the SB I-15 Weirick Road Off-Ramp would be reconfigured as a dual-lane exit. Associated improvements for the toll lanes, including advance signage and transition striping, would extend approximately 2 miles from each end of the express lane limits to PM 20.3 in the south and PM 40.1 in the north. The proposed lane additions and supporting infrastructure are expected to be constructed primarily within the existing State right of way. No new permanent right of way is expected to be required as part of this Project.