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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Transportation Department NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

April 9, 2025

PROJECT TITLE: Adoption of Amendment 824.19 to Ordinance No. 824

Work Order #ZTR1100, Task Code #ZADM

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Western Riverside County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County of Riverside (County) is a Member Jurisdiction of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), a joint powers agency comprised of the County and eighteen (18) cities in Western Riverside County. In 2002-2003 the WRCOG Member Jurisdictions developed a plan whereby the shortfall in funds needed to enlarge the capacity of the Regional System of Highways and Arterials due to new development in Western Riverside County could be made up in part by a Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) on future residential, commercial, and industrial development. As a Member Jurisdiction of WRCOG and as a TUMF Participating Jurisdiction, the County participated in the preparation of the "Western Riverside County Transportation Union Fee Nexus Study," (2002 Nexus Study) later adopted by the WRCOG Executive Committee. Based on the 2002 Nexus Study, the County adopted and implemented Ordinance 824 authorizing the County's participation in a TUMF Program.

On July 10, 2017, the WRCOG Executive Committee adopted the 2016 TUMF Nexus Study to reflect changes in the TUMF Program. WRCOG is required each year after approval of the Nexus Study, per the TUMF Administrative Plan, to present the proposed construction cost index (CCI) adjustment for consideration by the Executive Committee. The CCI is an administrative element of the TUMF that is intended to keep the dollar value of the TUMF Program whole. In recent years, the Executive Committee has not approved a CCI adjustment to the TUMF until November 4, 2019. The WRCOG Executive Committee has recommended that member agencies prepare amendments to their respective ordinances to adopt and implement the new TUMF fees based on the CCI adjustment.

The purpose of Amendment 824.19 to Ordinance 824 is to reflect the updated fee collection process. The County of Riverside Transportation Department has found that the above-described Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

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Section 15378 – Not a Project – Organizational or administrative activities of government entities, such as the reorganization, formatting, addition of introductory explanation to the ordinance, and changes to administrative processing and application requirements do not constitute a project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Ordinance No. 824.19 is, in part, changing the administrative process for annual fee increases by allowing adoption of the fee increases either through an ordinance or resolution and clarifying the two types of fee increases as periodic or annual.

Section 15061(b)(3)-Common Sense Exemption-The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility for the activity in question to have a significant effect because the proposed amendment to Ordinance 824 will not result in any impact on the physical environment, therefore the activity is not subject to CEQA.

By: Lisa Ann Wadley, PMP, Assistant Transportation Planner

Signed: *Jan Bulinski*
Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZTR1100 ZADM

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZTR1100, Task Code ZADM

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: April 9, 2025

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Jan Bulinski*

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Ann Wadley, PMP, Assistant Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -



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DATE: April 9, 2025

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager 

RE: **Adoption of Amendment 824.16 to Ordinance No. 824**
W.O.#ZTR1100 Task Code #ZADM

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Lisa Ann Wadley. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at (951) 955-1506.

Attachment

cc: file