

# Notice of Exemption

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

**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title - Cold Planning, Placing RHMA-Type G, and Micro-surfacing on SR 78, 86, and 111 in Imperial County

Project Applicant - Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: on 1) existing asphalt concrete portion of SR 78 connectors with SR 111, and 2) on northbound/southbound (NB/SB) SR 86 lane segment from post mile R0.0 to PM 3.0, and 3) on NB/SB SR 86 lanes from PM 3.0 to PM 4.4

Project Location - City: N/A, as unincorporated      Project Location - County: Imperial

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

Caltrans proposes to cold plane and place rubberized hot mix Asphalt (RHMA) Type G (0.15' depth) on the existing asphalt concrete (AC) portion of the SR 78 connectors with SR 111, and on the northbound/southbound (NB/SB) SR 86 lane segment from post mile (PM) R0.0 to PM 3.0, and to micro-surface NB/SB SR 86 lanes from PM 3.0 to PM 4.4 to preserve the life of the existing pavement. There are five locations of work. Location 1 is the work segment on SR 86, and locations 2 through 5 are the four connectors on SR 78 with SR 111. The work also includes restriping and placing pavement marking on the areas that include pavement work. All work will occur within Caltrans right-of-way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 11

**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: 15301
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Project consists of the repair, maintenance, of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Specifically, Caltrans proposes to cold plane and place rubberized hot mix Asphalt (RHMA) Type G (0.15' depth) on the existing asphalt concrete (AC) portion of the SR 78 connectors with SR 111, and on the northbound/southbound (NB/SB) SR 86 lane segment from post mile (PM) R0.0 to PM 3.0, and to micro-surface NB/SB SR 86 lanes from PM 3.0 to PM 4.4 to preserve the life of the existing pavement.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

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**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: Emery McCaffery      Date: 6/23/2025      Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency       Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 6/23/2025

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.