

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 St. #100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: 12-0V670 SR-73 Signing and Stripping Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans – District 12

Project Location - Specific: ORA-73-23.8/R25.5

Project Location - City: Newport Beach and Irvine

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans, District 12, proposes to enhance safety and reduce collision severity by upgrading safety device to meet current MASH standards. The proposed work includes construct concrete guardrail and MGS at three locations along State Route 73, PM 23.8/R25.5, in the cities of Newport Beach and Irvine in Orange County. This Project is state funded and subject to CEQA. All proposed work is within State's right of way and the acquisition of fee, permanent easements, or temporary construction easements are not 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: CCR Tit. 14 §15269

Reasons why project is exempt:

(d) 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: Judy Bernal

Phone number: (949) 279-8741

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: 6-30-2025 Title: Sr. 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.