



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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Transportation Department NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 3, 2024

PROJECT TITLE: Murrieta Hot Springs Road Sidewalk Project

Work Order# ZD30094C

Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: In the community of Murrieta Hot Springs near Temecula, on the north side of Murrieta Hot Springs Rd, starting at 400' east of centerline of Chandler Drive to 470' west of said centerline.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department proposes to install a concrete sidewalk on the north side of Murrieta Hot Springs Rd starting at 400' east of centerline of Chandler Dr to 470' west of~said centerline in the unincorporated Murrieta area of Riverside County. This will include excavation of the existing dirt sidewalk to 1.25', compaction of the natural soil, placing 6" of Class II aggregate base, 4" concrete sidewalk, and minor grading if needed. The project work is within the road right-of-way including street, sidewalk, and parkway areas.

Murrieta Hot Springs Rd is a 4-lane secondary road that travels in the East-West direction. Existing pavement width is approximately 84' wide with 8' dirt sidewalk with curb and gutter within the project area.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: Construction of the new sidewalk will be conducted by the County of Riverside Transportation Department, who is a permittee as defined by the Western Riverside Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRMSHCP). Portions of the improvements occur within the WRMSHCP Criteria Area and Section 7.3.4 (Existing Roads within Criteria Cells) states that necessary operation and maintenance activities such as grading existing dirt roadways, curbs/gutters/sidewalks, roadway widening and resurfacing conducted for safety purposes are considered covered road maintenance activities and do not require compliance with other WRMSHCP plan requirements, such as riparian/riverine (Section 6.1.2) and species survey requirements (Sections 6.1.3 and 6.3.2). These covered activities are subject to compliance with Appendix C – Best Management Practices of the WRMSHCP.”

Portions of the project are outside of WRMSHCP Criteria Cells, but are still subject to compliance with the WRMSHCP.

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Under Section 7.1 Covered Activities Outside Criteria Area and PQP lands of the WRMSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance projects, as this project is considered, are Covered Activities and are not subject to survey or mitigation requirements outside criteria area and Public/Quasi-Public Lands.

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – September 1), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

The County of Riverside Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities – The proposed project to construct a new sidewalk is consistent with Categorical Exemption 15301(c) which exempts existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trail, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). Furthermore, it does not create additional traffic lanes and involves no expansion of use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

By: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

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



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DATE: May 3, 2024
TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III
FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager *JB*
RE: **Project Name: Murrieta Hot Springs Sidewalk Project**
W.O. # ZD30094C Task Code #Z1530

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: Don Copeland. If you have any questions, please contact Don Copeland at dcopelan@rivco.org.

Attachment

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZD30094C Task Order Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.# ZD30094C Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: May 3, 2024

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: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -

Murrieta Hot Springs Rd Sidewalk Project



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- City Areas
- World Street Map



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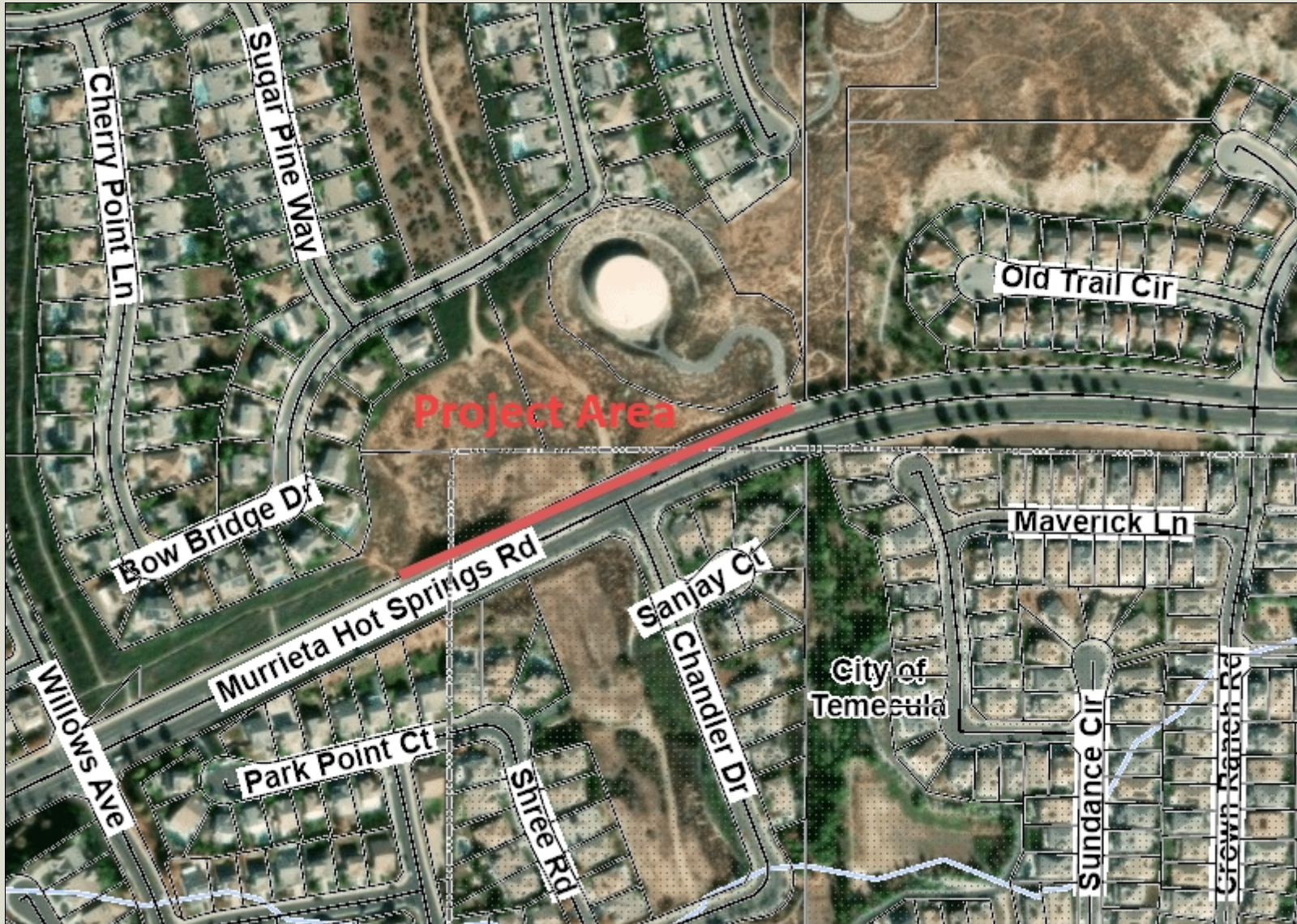
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