

# Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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**From:** Caltrans District 11  
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title - Pavement Rehab on SR 15 and 56

Project Applicant - Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: on Route 15 from 0.6 miles south to 0.2 miles north of the Route 56/15 Separation, and from 0.3 miles west of the Route 56/15 Separation to the end of Route 56

Project Location - City: San Diego

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a pavement preservation project on Routes 15 and 56 in San Diego County. The scope of work includes micro-surfacing, cold planning to a depth of 0.1 feet, and overlaying with 0.1 feet of rubberized hot mix asphalt (RHMA-G). Additional work includes restriping, applying fog seal, shoulder backing up to 3 feet from the pavement edge as needed, and replacing rumble strips and loop detectors in kind. The project also involves upgrading roadway signs and sign posts with potential additions of new street signage. The project is located in San Diego on Route 15 from 0.6 miles south to 0.2 miles north of the Route 56/15 Separation, and from 0.3 miles west of the Route 56/15 Separation to the end of Route 56. All work will occur within Caltrans state 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 a pavement preservation project on Routes 15 and 56 in San Diego County.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emery McCaffery

Phone number: 858-289-1270

**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: 8/11/2025 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 8/11/2025

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

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