

Notice of Exemption

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County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
Norwalk, CA 90650

From: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)
100 S. Main St. MS16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project Title: LA 14 HM1 FY 25/26 PCC Slabs

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

Project Location - Specific: State Route 14 Post Mile 35.5 near Soledad Canyon Road to Post Mile 46.8 at Ward Road Overcrossing OC 53-1546

Project Location - City: Near Santa Clarita, Lang, Acton, and Agua Dulce

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

This pavement preservation project on State Route 14 in Los Angeles County is scheduled for delivery in FY 2025/2026 under the Highway Major Maintenance Program and is fully funded through Senate Bill 1 (SB1) with program code 20.80.120.000. The project spans approximately 11.3 miles from Post Mile 35.5 near Soledad Canyon Road to Post Mile 46.8 at Ward Road Overcrossing OC 53-1546, passing through Santa Clarita, Lang, Acton, and Agua Dulce. It involves mainline slab replacement and shoulder slurry seal application to address severe concrete deterioration that outpaces routine maintenance, posing safety risks and increased operational costs. Activities also include construction area sign installation requiring a maximum soil excavation depth of 6 feet. The purpose is to extend pavement service life, maintain roadway efficiency, and improve ride quality until a future 2R SHOPP project is implemented. All work will occur within the existing Caltrans right-of-way, with no new easements required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

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: Class 1(c) (14 CCR 15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This pavement preservation project qualifies as categorically exempt under Class 1 of CEQA because it involves maintenance and repair of existing highway infrastructure, such as slab replacement and slurry seal, without expanding its current use. All work occurs within the existing Caltrans right-of-way, ensuring negligible environmental impact and no increase in facility capacity.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nestor Espinoza

Phone number: 213-310-2694

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: *Nestor Espinoza* Date: 8/14/2025 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 8/14/2025

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

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