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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

July 1, 2025

PROJECT TITLE: **Cajalco Road, Cajalco Expressway, Ramona Expressway Resurfacing**
Work Order# D20098C, D40059C, D40060C Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Communities of Woodcrest and Mead Valley, Riverside County, CA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to resurface a total of 1.16 miles of pavement at three different locations. Cajalco Road between Wood Road and just east of Carpinus Drive, a length of 0.65 miles. Cajalco Expressway, west of Harvill Avenue to 215 Freeway, a distance of 0.29 miles, and Ramona Expressway, 215 Freeway to east of Nevada Road a distance of 0.22 miles.

Cajalco Road
The Cajalco Road portion is approximately 0.65 miles of Cajalco Road from west of Wood Road to east of Carpinus Drive. Cajalco Road is a 72-to-104-foot, four lane road with 134 to 220 feet of right of way. The Cajalco Road project will include the removal of existing asphalt concrete and aggregate base for 820 feet, the placement of geogrid layer at full width, class two aggregate base with hot mix asphalt (HMA), partial reconstruction of 370-foot asphalt concrete dike median, the rest of the road within these limits will be cold planing of the pavement and placing HMA pavement with crack seal.

Cajalco Expressway
The Cajalco Expressway portion of the project starts west of Harvill Avenue to I-215 southbound ramps, approximately 0.29 miles. Cajalco Expressway is a 74-to-106-foot wide, four lane road with 160 to 210 feet of right of way. The Cajalco Expressway project will include partial removal of asphalt concrete and the placement of HMA. The other portion of the road within these limits will be cold planing of the existing pavement and placing HMA pavement with crack seal.

Ramona Expressway
The Ramona Expressway abuts Cajalco Expressway at the 215 freeway. The Ramona Expressway portion of the project is 0.22 miles and starts at 215 freeway southbound ramps to east of Nevada Road. Ramona Expressway is a 74- to-110-foot, four lane road with 160 to 220 feet of right of way. The Ramona Expressway project will include partial removal of asphalt concrete and placement of HMA. The other portion of the road within these limits will be cold

planing of the pavement and placing HMA pavement with crack seal. Reconstruction of existing asphalt concrete dikes within these limits will also be performed.

Additional improvements include:

- Utility adjustments and cleaning
- Reconstruction of asphalt median dikes east of Wood Road
- Replace traffic loops, signing and striping of roadway
- Reconstruction of 36" corrugated metal pipe on Nevada Road South of Ramona Expressway
- Asphalt concrete overside drains
- Utility adjustments and cleaning/clearing of existing catch basins and culverts
- Reconstruct median island at Harvill Avenue and Cajalco Expressway to alleviate flooding in left turn pocket

The project improvements from the east side of bridge that goes over the railroad tracks and freeway to approximately 500 feet west of Nevada Road will require Caltrans permitting/permission. There will be no additional right-of-way or temporary construction easements (TCE) required to construct the proposed improvements. The project improvements will be within the existing footprint of the roadway and will not raise the roadway profile.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: The project will extend the life of the pavement of the treated roads, which is a benefit to the traveling public. The project consists of maintenance and repair of an existing public road. There is no expansion of use of the road as a result of the project.

The rehabilitation of an existing public road will be conducted by the County, who is a permittee as defined by the Western Riverside Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRMSHCP). The project is subject to compliance within the WRMSHCP. The project is outside of designated MSHCP Criteria Cells; however, it is still subject to compliance with the WRCMSHCP. Under Section 7.1 Covered Activities Outside Criteria Area and PQP lands of the MSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance projects, are Covered Activities and are not subject to survey or mitigation requirements outside criteria area and Public/Quasi-Public Lands. These covered activities are subject to compliance with Best Management Practices as described in Appendix C of the WRMSHCP.

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 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 of pulverizing pavement and paving an existing road with HMA are consistent with Section 15301(c) which exempts existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). Furthermore, the project does not create additional automobile lanes and involves minimal to no expansion of use of the exiting roadway and associated facilities.

By: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia on behalf of

Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

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DATE: July 1, 2025

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager FS

RE: **Project Name: Cajalco Road, Cajalco Expressway, Ramona Expressway Resurfacing**
W.O. # D20098C, D40059C, D40060C 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 D20098C, D40059C, D40060C Task Order Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#D20098C, D40059C, D40060C Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: $50.00

DATE: July 1, 2025

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: Frances Segovia on behalf of Jan Bulinski

PRESENTED BY: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY:

DATE:

RECEIPT # (S)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

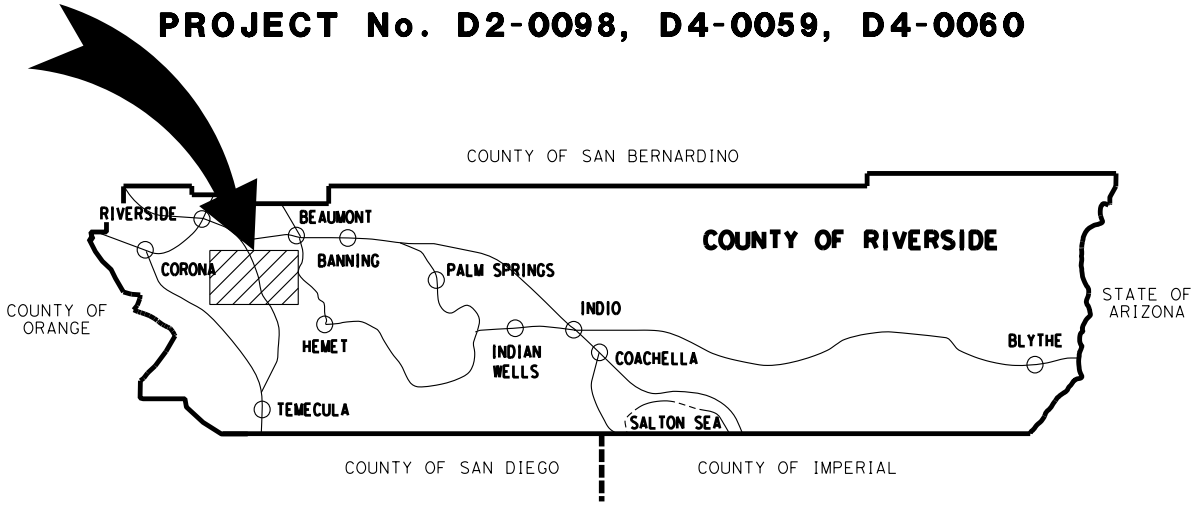
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

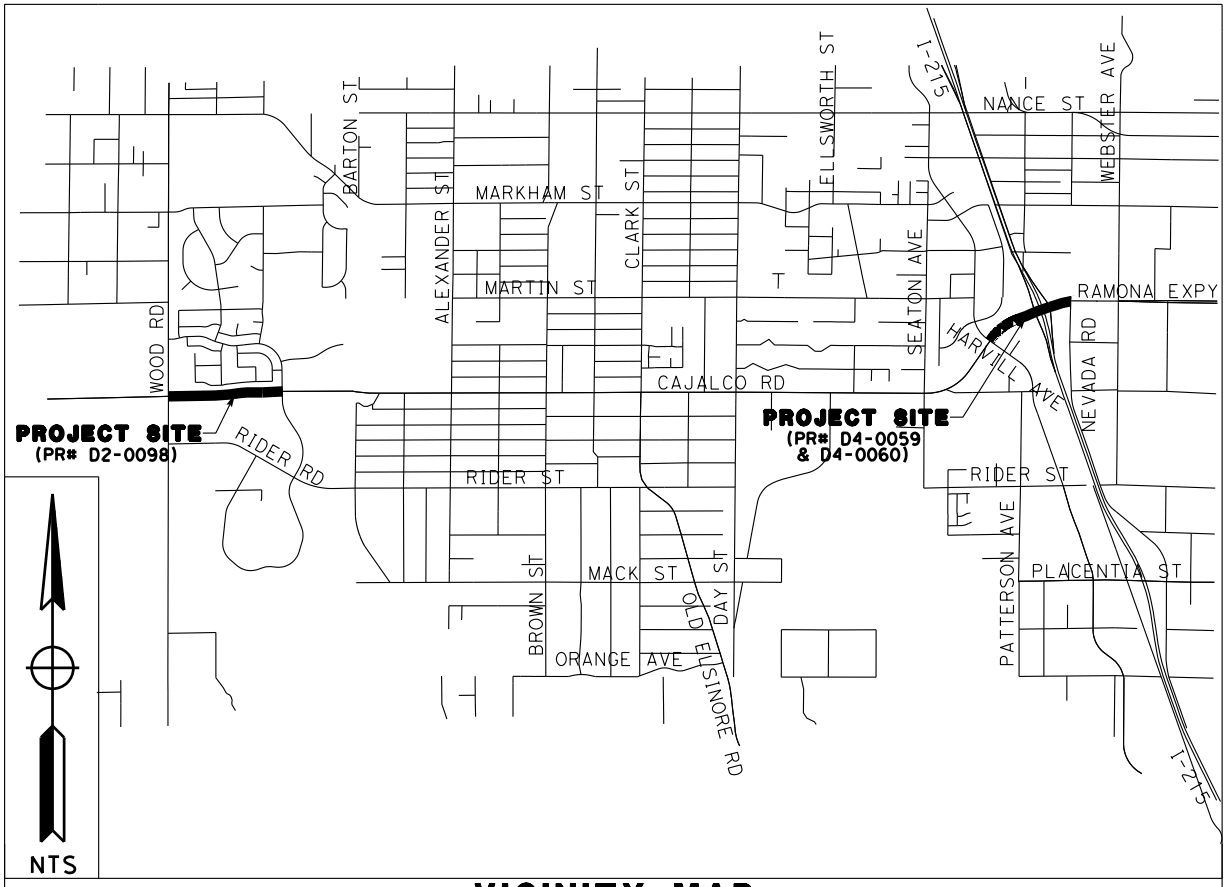
CAJALCO RD
CAJALCO EXPY
RAMONA EXPY

RESURFACING
CAJALCO RD 200' WEST OF WOOD RD TO 50' EAST OF CARPINUS DR
CAJALCO EXPRESS WAY 90' WEST OF HARVILL AVE TO I-215 SB RAMPS
RAMONA EXPRESS WAY I-215 SB RAMPS TO 200' EAST OF NEVADA RD

COMMUNITY OF MEAD VALLEY

PROJECT No. D2-0098, D4-0059, D4-0060





VICINITY MAP

TOWNSHIP 4S RANGE 4W SECTION 8, 12
COUNTY ROAD BOOK PAGE No. 57B, 58

D2-0098 CAJALCO ROAD (RESURFACING)

Feet
0 210 420 840
1 inch = 417 feet
Orthophotos Flown 2016
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PROJECT LIMIT, BEGIN PROJECT

D2-0098 CAJALCO RD:

0.75 MI.
WOOD RD TO CARPINUS DR

PROJECT LIMIT, END PROJECT

ELKHORN RD
M10544A
PAINTED ROCK ST
M10543A
HAWKHILL AVE
M10524A
COPPER RIDGE ST
M10528A
M10526A
COLE AVE
M5068A
MOUNTAIN SHADOW LN
M10545A
M10529A
WOOD RD
S5440A
SILVER SUMMIT CIR
M10548A
BRIDLEWOOD RD
M10546A
ASPENLEAF DR
M10547A
M10550A
RED ROCK ST
STERLING HILL LN
M10553A
SPIRIT TRAIL DR
M10551A
OAK CREEK LN
DEER RUN RD
CARPINUS DR
M10529B
ROCKY SUMMIT DR
M10549A
MARTIN ST
CAJALCO RD
S1062C
S1062B
WOOD RD
RIDER RD
STARGLOW DR
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D4-0059 CAJALCO EXPRESSWAY (RESURFACING)
D4-0060 RAMONA EXPRESSWAY (RESURFACING)

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