

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Department of Transportation - District 11
4050 Taylor St.,
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: I-5 Ramp Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Project Location - Specific: PM 4.9

Project Location - City: Chula Vista Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is proposing a ramp pavement rehabilitation project on the auxiliary lane of northbound (NB) I-5 in the City of Chula Vista within the County of San Diego at PM 4.9. The auxiliary lane spans from the Palm Avenue on-ramp to the Main Street off-ramp. The proposed work involves removing 0.2 feet of existing asphalt and replacing it with 0.2 feet of rubberized asphalt via cold planing and utilizing Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt-gap Graded (RHMA-G) flexible pavement. The existing dikes along the project's length will be replaced with Types A, C, D, E, and F depending on location. The entirety of the proposed work is anticipated to remain within the existing pavement. No staging or vegetation removal is required.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - 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: Class 1 (c). (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use. (C) is for existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

Lead Agency Contact Person: Danika Zikas

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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: *Danika Zikas* Date: 09/22/2025 Title: Environmental Scientist

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 09/22/2025

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

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