

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☐ County Clerk

County of: _____
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From:

Public Agency: Caltrans District 8
 Address: 464 West 4th Street, 6th Flr (MS 827)
 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Contact: Kourtney Graves

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Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025120518

Project Title: Interstate 40 Minor Pavement Rehabilitation Project (1M390/0821000106)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location (include county): Along I-40 near Barstow, San Bernardino County

Project Description:

Caltrans proposes to install 0.15-ft thick Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt-Gap (RHMA-G) overlay on the Interstate 40 (I-40) mainline and shoulders; construct 0.4-ft thick localized digouts (10% of total Asphalt Concrete [AC]); replace AC dikes; upgrade existing metal beam guardrail to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS); replace rock slope protection (RSP) under two bridges at Gas Line Wash (Bridge No. 54-0715 L/R) due to inadequate rock type and size; (Please see continuation page)

This is to advise that the California Department of Transportation, District 8 has approved the above
☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency

described project on 3/9/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the
 above (date)
 described project.

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☐ were ☒ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Caltrans District 8, 464 West 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400

Signature (Public Agency): Kourtney Graves Title: Acting Senior Env Planner

Date: 03/09/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description:

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replace traffic sign panels with type XI retro-reflective sheeting to meet federal requirements, and replace four culverts in poor or fair condition under Drainage Restoration program in order to protect the embankment and roadway from potential failure. The pavement grinding would include the removal of thermoplastic traffic stripes. Lane closure would be required to minimize traffic impact during construction and to ensure the safety of the traveling public and construction workers. Construction is expected in the night time and 8 hours a night.

The new MGS at the bridge locations will be connected to a new concrete barrier transition at the beginning and the end of each bridge railing. The concrete barrier transition will be attached through drilling and bonding into the existing bridge railing. Asbestos testing may be required for the existing bridge railing. No other bridge work is planned. Below is the list of all bridges that require concrete barrier transition:

- Gas Line Wash – Bridge No. 54-0715 R/L;
- Twin Hills Wash – Bridge No. 54-0716 R/L;
- Crest Wash – Bridge No. 54-0717 R/L;
- National Trails Highway Undercrossing – Bridge No. 54-0708 R/L;
- Newberry Road Overcrossing – Bridge No. 54-0709;
- Fort Cady Road Overcrossing – Bridge No. 54-0710

All work is expected to be performed within the existing Caltrans right of way.