

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of ORANGE

From: Caltrans District 12
1750 E. Fourth St. Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: PAVEMENT PRESERVATION EA 0V530

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: State Route 73, 133 Postmiles 16.6/17.1 & R4.1/R5.6

Project Location - City: LAGUNA BEACH

Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Caltrans proposed maintenance project includes removal of a depth of 0.10' of existing asphalt pavement by cold plane and replacement with Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (RHMA) along Northbound State Route 73 (NB SR-73) off-ramp and loop on-ramp at State Route 133 (SR-133) Laguna Canyon Road, and SR-133 from the SR-73/SR-133 Separation to Laguna Lakes Trail Bridge, in the city of Laguna Beach, County of Orange. Work includes grinding, detours, a temporary 8-hour ramp night closure, ground disturbance and soil disturbance for temporary sign-post installations of 4" by 6" post and 4.5' embedment depth. The purpose of the project is to preserve the roadway by repairing distressed pavement along SR-133 mainline and SR-73 loop on/off ramps. The need of the project is due to the current condition of the concrete pavement on SR-133 and SR-73 exhibits surface distresses that require repairs; if left uncorrected, will deteriorate to a major roadway rehabilitation need. No vegetation removal is anticipated. Disturbed soil area is anticipated to be less than 1.0 acre. The project has state funding. The project will require approximately 80 working days. All work will occur within paved travel way within State right of way. No new right of way is anticipated. The public benefit.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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: 15300 Class 1(c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt under CEQA 15300 Class 1(d)

Lead Agency Contact Person: Bahar Heydari

Phone number: 949-358-4691

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: Smita Deshpande

Date: 12/30/25

Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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