Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans District 8, Environmental Planning
464 West 4th Street, MS 823
San Bernardino, California 92401

Project Title: RIV-15 Riverside Aux Lane Northbound at Magnolia

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 15 (I-15) /State Route 91 (SR-91) interchange/ Postmiles (PM) 40.3/ 41.3

Project Location - City: Corona Project Location - County: Riverside

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Caltrans proposes to construct an auxiliary lane (approx. 1300 ft) along Interstate-15 in the northbound direction, from Magnolia Avenue on-ramp to SR-91 connector ramps by shifting and re-striping lanes, widening the gore point and connector ramps to SR 91. Additionally, a new concrete barrier transition for upgrading Midwest Guardrail Systems (MGS) at the Temescal Wash Bridge No. 56-0499 (PM 40.86) would be attached through drilling and bonding into the existing bridge railing. The purpose of this project is to reduce the number and severity of collisions on northbound I-15. All work would be performed within the existing right of way.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans, District 8

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans, District 8

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 2(c) Section 15302
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is exempt because it is a negligible alteration or no expansion to the capacity of an existing highway.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Malisa Lieng Phone number: (909) 261-3955

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: Malisa Liang Date: 1/30/2026 Title: Sr. Env. 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.