

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) California Department of Transportation
District 11 – 4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110

County Clerk
County of: _____

Project Title: SR-98 Complete Streets Improvements

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Project Location - Specific: On State Route 98 (SR 98) between PM 30.8 and 39.7, which is approximately 22 lane-miles in the City of Calexico, Imperial County, California.

Project Location - City: Calexico **Project Location - County:** Imperial

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes pavement rehab work on State Route 98 (SR 98) in Imperial County, between PM 30.8 and 39.7, which is approximately 22 lane-miles. The work consists of cold planing the asphalt concrete (AC) pavement and placing back Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt – Type G (RHMA-G) on the lanes and shoulders at controlled intersections with HMA –Type A (HMA-A). The project scope also includes lighting rehabilitation, sign panel replacement, upgrading curb ramps to American Disabilities Act (ADA) standard, flashing beacons, census stations and traffic signals, and complete street improvement as well as replacing existing safety systems.

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) – Section 15301.
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 1 - Operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of existing use.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Joshua Espinoza

Area Code/ Telephone/ Extension: 619-509-0623

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: Joshua Espinoza Date: 03/17/2026 Title: 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.