



CITY OF ESCONDIDO
PLANNING DIVISION
201 NORTH BROADWAY
ESCONDIDO, CA 92025-2798
760-839-4671

Notice of Exemption

To: Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk
Attn: Fish and Wildlife Notices
1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 260
San Diego, CA 92101
MS: A-33

From: City of Escondido
Planning Division
201 North Broadway
Escondido, CA 92025

Project Title/Case No: Montiel Road Resurfacing – City/County Cooperative Agreement

Project Location - Specific: Montiel Rd., Escondido, between Suzanne Lane and Rock Springs Rd.

Project Location - City: Escondido **Project Location - County:** San Diego

Description of Project: Roadway resurfacing efforts of a portion of Montiel Road in collaboration between the City of Escondido and the County of San Diego. The proposed project will include milling existing pavement, placement of polymer-modified asphalt concrete, and additional incidental work which may include base failure repair, dike replacement, utilities coordination, and roadway striping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Escondido

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Name: Jason Christman, Interim City Engineer
Address: 201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

Telephone: 760-839-4615

Private entity School district Local public Agency State agency Other special district

Exempt Status:

The project is categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15301 (“Existing Facilities”) and 15302 (“Replacement or Reconstruction.”).

Reasons why project is exempt:

- The project is consistent with the City of Escondido Zoning Code and General Plan, and no variances are required. The existing public roadway is located within a developed area of the City, which has all services, public utilities, and access available on site.
- The request involves the operation, repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of an existing public roadway. The work includes resurfacing and incidental improvements, which constitute negligible or no expansion to the existing use.
- The resurfacing work is considered a reconstruction of existing roadway infrastructure. The new surface will be placed on the same alignment, and will serve the same purpose and capacity of the existing roadway. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, air quality, or water quality.
- The existing road has been completely developed, and has no value as habitat for endangered, threatened, or rare species. The proposed development would not have the potential to cause an adverse impact on the environment and is not subject to further CEQA review.
- Furthermore, none of the exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 apply to the proposed project. The project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment, does not have an impact on an environmental resource, nor is it of a hazardous or critical concern. The project will not result in a cumulative impact from successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time, given the proposed project is consistent with the General Plan policies which were addressed in the General Plan Final EIR. There are no unusual circumstances surrounding the proposed project that would result in a reasonable possibility of a significant effect on the environment in that the area of impact will not be significantly disturbed with construction activities and has been previously disturbed with commercial development. The project will not damage scenic resources, including trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, because the proposed project would be located on a previously disturbed area of the public roadway. The project area

is not environmentally sensitive as it is a previously disturbed site, and no significant construction will occur as a result of this project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Alex Rangel

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 760-839-4542

Signature: 
Alex Rangel
Associate Planner

March 30, 2026
Date

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR:

Signed by Applicant