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# COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

## TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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### Transportation Department

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

January 15, 2026

**PROJECT TITLE: Adoption of Amendment 824.20 to Ordinance No. 824**  
Work Order #ZTR1100, Task Code #ZADM

**PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department**

**PROJECT LOCATION: Western Riverside County**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The County of Riverside (County) is a Member Jurisdiction of the Western Riverside Council of Governments (WRCOG), a joint powers agency comprised of the County and eighteen (18) cities in Western Riverside County. In 2002-2003 the WRCOG Member Jurisdictions developed a plan whereby the shortfall in funds needed to enlarge the capacity of the Regional System of Highways and Arterials due to new development in Western Riverside County could be made up in part by a Transportation Uniform Mitigation Fee (TUMF) on future residential, commercial, and industrial development. As a Member Jurisdiction of WRCOG and as a TUMF Participating in Jurisdiction, the County participated in the preparation of the "Western Riverside County Transportation Union Fee Nexus Study," (2002 Nexus Study) later adopted by the WRCOG Executive Committee. Based on the 2002 Nexus Study, the County adopted and implemented Ordinance 824 authorizing the County's participation in a TUMF Program.

By automatically adjusting TUMF rates based on changes in construction, labor, and land costs as measured by established indices, the construction cost index (CCI) ensures that the fee schedule remains aligned with actual market conditions and maintains the Program's purchasing power for critical transportation projects.

The historical implementation of automatic CCI adjustments to the TUMF fee has demonstrated clear benefits for both the financial health of the TUMF Program and the ability of member agencies to deliver critical infrastructure. Past CCI adjustments have served as an essential mechanism to bridge the gap between infrequent Nexus Study updates, ensuring that fee schedules remain aligned with the actual increases in construction, labor, and land costs. Applying these indices to the TUMF schedule resulted in increases in funding, which helped maintain the purchasing power of the Program and helped member agencies with project completion. Without these adjustments, agencies face limitations in funding, potentially leading to project delays or the need to seek alternative funding sources, which could be less reliable or more burdensome.

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The TUMF Administrative Plan calls for a CCI adjustment to be brought forth to the Executive Committee on an annual basis. These adjustments occur in years where there is not already a TUMF Nexus Study update. The Executive Committee most recently adopted a comprehensive Nexus Study and Fee Schedule in September 2024, which became effective April 1, 2025. This new fee schedule, which is established at every Nexus Study update, included a 50% increase in Single-family residential fees. Multi-family and Industrial rates saw smaller increases while the commercial uses of Retail and Service remain unchanged. With no CCI adjustment since 2021 and rising labor and materials costs, the recent increase was the largest increase ever done in the Program. The purpose of Amendment 824.20 to Ordinance 824 is to reflect the updated fee schedule.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

**The Riverside County Transportation Department has found that the above-described Ordinance is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:**

**Section 15378** – **Not a Project** – Organizational or administrative activities of government entities, such as the reorganization, formatting, addition of introductory explanation to the ordinance, and changes to administrative processing and application requirements do not constitute a project under CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15378. Amendment 824.20 to Ordinance No. 824 is, in part, changing the administrative process for annual fee increases by allowing adoption of the fee increases either through an ordinance or resolution and clarifying the two types of fee increases as periodic or annual.

**Section 15061(b)(3)** - **Common Sense Exemption**-The activity is covered by the commonsense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. It can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility for the activity in question to have a significant effect because the Amendment 824.20 to Ordinance No. 824 will not result in any impact on the physical environment, therefore the activity is not subject to CEQA.

By: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia  
Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: January 15, 2026

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager *FS*

RE: **Adoption of Amendment 824.20 to Ordinance No. 824**  
W.O.#ZTR1100, Task Code #ZADM

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of \$50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: David Castro. If you have any questions, please contact David at (951) 955-9719.

Attachment

cc: file

**RIVERSIDE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER**

**AUTHORIZATION  
TO BILL  
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-

537280-20000-3130500000 ZTR1100 ZADM

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZTR1100, Task Code ZADM

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: January 15, 2026

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Frances Segovia*

PRESENTED BY: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -