

Notice of Exemption

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12400 Imperial Highway
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From: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)
100 S. Main St. MS16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Project Title: City of Torrance Hawthorne Blvd. Relinquishment

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

Project Location - Specific: State Route 107 from post mile 0 to 4.8

Project Location - City: City of Torrance - Southern end of the City of Torrance at the intersection of SR-1 (PCH) and SR-107 and extends north to Redondo Beach Boulevard near the SR-107/SR-91 intersection.

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Office of Design A is requesting environmental clearance for a financial contribution only (FCO) project along State Route 107 (Hawthorne Boulevard) from post mile 0.0 to 4.8, beginning at the southern end of the City of Torrance at the intersection of SR-1 (PCH) and SR-107 and extending north to Redondo Beach Boulevard near the SR-107/SR-91 intersection. The purpose of this FCO project is to transfer ownership of this segment of SR-107 to the City of Torrance, allowing the City to better serve its community. The need for the project results from the fact that this portion of SR-107 no longer functions as an interregional route and instead operates like a typical city street, while the State continues to incur capital, operational, and maintenance costs, as well as exposure to tort liability, despite the route no longer serving its original intended purpose. The City of Torrance will be responsible to comply with CEQA and other applicable laws for any improvement to the relinquished segment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7 (DOT)

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 12 and Section 14 CCR §15312
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____


Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a Class 12 Categorical Exemption because it involves the transfer of State-owned highway right-of-way to the City of Torrance without any construction, ground disturbance, or physical modifications. The relinquishment will occur with the facilities in their existing environmental condition, and no activity associated with the transfer has the potential to cause an environmental impact. Since the project consists solely of an administrative disposition of surplus State property, and no exceptions apply, it meets the criteria for exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15312.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Nestor Espinoza Phone number: 213-310-2694

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:  Date: 04/15/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)
Chris Benz-Blumberg (Apr 15, 2026 14:23:36 PDT)

- Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 04/15/2026

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

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






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