

## Notice of Exemption

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**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** California Department of Transportation – District 11  
4050 Taylor St.  
San Diego, CA 92110

Project Title: 43155 SR 78/SR 86 Pavement Rehabilitation

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation – District 11

Project Location - Specific: Two locations approximately 70 miles apart. Location 1 on SR 78 0.1 mile west of Coachella Canal to Union Pacific Railroad Crossing (PM 34.0 – 41.1). Location 2 on SR 86 in Salton City from 0.15 mile south of Borrego Salton Sea Way/South Marina Drive PM 55.9 – 56.3.

Project Location - City: Glamis & Salton City Project Location - County: Imperial County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans proposes a major pavement rehabilitation on SR-78 on the Eastbound and Westbound lanes. Deteriorated pavement would be removed and replaced for 14.2 lane miles. This replacement of existing asphalt concrete pavement would utilize the Full Depth Recycling Cement method. The scope would also remove/replace dikes, shoulder backings with safety edge, pavement markings, and rumble strips. At SR-86, the scope of work would replace the pavement on the mainline lanes and shoulders with Asphalt Concrete Pavement with the potential for subgrade treatment. This would also include installing inside and outside shoulder rumble strips with safety edge and removing/replacing pavement and crosswalk striping. All work is within Caltrans ROW.

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, Article 19, Section 15301 (c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project would require work on the existing public transportation facility SR-78 and SR-86. The project would rehabilitate/replace existing pavements within the facility.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ashley Thota

Phone number: 8582891281

**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: Ashley Thota      Date: 4/29/2026      Title: Caltrans 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.