

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: Potrero Canyon Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge Project

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

Project Location - Specific: State Route 1 at post mile 37.548

Project Location - City: Adjacent to the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades community, approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and PCH.

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Caltrans Office of Design C has requested environmental clearance for a Geotechnical Field Investigation Encroachment Permit associated with the Potrero Canyon Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge oversight project along State Route 1, also known as Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), at Post Mile 37.548. The proposed project site is adjacent to the Brentwood-Pacific Palisades community, approximately 0.5 miles southeast of the intersection of Temescal Canyon Road and PCH. The purpose of this state-only funded project is to conduct geotechnical exploration to support a fault study and slope stability analysis for the PCH corridor near Will Rogers State Beach and Potrero Canyon Park. The work is needed to evaluate subsurface conditions critical for ensuring roadway safety and informing future design and construction decisions. A CEQA-only Categorical Exemption is anticipated at this time. The project will involve cone penetration tests (CPT) and geotechnical borings within and near the northbound shoulder of PCH at Post Mile 37.548, along the buried "old" PCH alignment below Potrero Canyon Park trail, and in another section near the northbound shoulder of PCH. Additional activities include site reconnaissance, non-intrusive utility surveys, pavement precoring, and restoration. All borings and CPTs will be backfilled with cement bentonite grout, and pavement repairs will match existing conditions. Environmental surveys will also be

conducted to identify potential resources, with only minor surface disturbance anticipated. All work will be completed in accordance with the approved traffic control plan and environmental protection measures outlined in the encroachment permit application package.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Los Angeles

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 6 (Section 15306)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

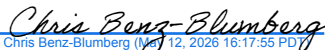
Reasons why project is exempt:

The proposed geotechnical investigation qualifies for a Class 6 Categorical Exemption because it consists solely of basic data collection activities needed to evaluate subsurface conditions for future design decisions. All disturbance will be minor, temporary, and fully restored, with work occurring within or adjacent to existing transportation facilities. The investigation will not result in any significant environmental impacts.

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: 05/12/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Supervisor)

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 05/12/2026

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

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






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