Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: Caltrans District 12
1750 East 4th Street, Suite 100
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Project Title: SR-55 Expansion Joint Seal Assembly Repair Project

Project Applicant: Caltrans District 12

Project Location - Specific: SR-55/I-5 Expansion

Project Location - City: Santa Ana/Tustin Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
This Director's Order will remove and place the failed Joint Assembly Unit (JSA) with a new unit. The cost estimate for the repair is roughly $590,000.

This work will be completed during the evenings to minimal traffic impacts to Interchange connector ramps and freeway. There is no soil disturbance as all work will occur on the bridge structure within the existing CT ROW.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans District 12

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Carmen Lo

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 1c Existing Facilities, Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:
minor alternation of the existing freeway; no significant impacts

Lead Agency Contact Person: Carmen Lo Phone number: 949-774-0756

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: Smita Deshpande Date: 7/2/26 Title: Sr. 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.