

Notice of Exemption

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

Project Title: Slurry Seal

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

Project Location - Specific: State Route 138 at post miles 46.7 to 50.0

Project Location - City: Palmdale

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Office of Maintenance Engineering requests environmental clearance for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) package for Highway Maintenance (HM-1) Project EA 0Y9601 on SR-138 in the City of Palmdale (PM 46.7–50.0). The project proposes to apply a slurry seal, a thin layer of emulsified binder mixed with sand and small aggregate, to extend pavement life, with limited surface digouts up to approximately 0.33 feet in areas where cracking is too extensive for slurry treatment as confirmed by the project engineer. All work will occur within existing Caltrans right-of-way, and no shoulder backing, vegetation removal, grading, trenching, drainage work, or utility impacts are anticipated. Construction-area signs will not require ground excavation because they will be attached to existing poles or placed on contractor stands, consistent with nighttime and section-by-section construction operations. The project is fully state-funded, no relocations of utilities are anticipated, and no changes to impervious surfaces will occur.

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 1 (14 CCR §15301(c))
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project qualifies for a CEQA exemption because it involves routine maintenance of an existing highway facility, including slurry seal and minor pavement digouts, with no expansion of use. All work occurs entirely within existing Caltrans right-of-way and does not require grading, vegetation removal, utility relocation, or other activities that could cause environmental impacts. Because the work only restores the existing roadway surface and does not increase capacity or alter environmental conditions, it meets the criteria of Class 1 (15301).

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: *Nestor Espinoza* Date: 07/16/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist)

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 07/16/2026

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

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

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