

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: Mainline Slabs, Gore, Ramps, Digouts, and Seal Coat

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

Project Location - Specific: Interstate 405 at post miles 41.4 to 44.7

Project Location - Cities: Van Nuys, Panorama City, and North Hills

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Office of Maintenance Engineering requests environmental clearance for the PS&E package for the state funded HM 1 Job Order Contracting (JOC) project EA 0Y940 along Interstate 405 between post miles 41.4 and 44.7 near the cities of Van Nuys, Panorama City, and North Hills in Los Angeles County. The purpose of the project is to extend the pavement's lifespan and provide a smoother ride for motorists, and the need for the project arises from the deteriorated condition of the existing pavement, which requires maintenance to preserve roadway function. The project proposes mainline slab replacement, digouts and slurry seal at various ramps, and refreshing of existing crosswalk striping. Ground disturbance will be limited to excavation depths of approximately 0.75 feet for slab replacement, 0.40 feet for digouts, and up to 6 feet for construction area signs, with no trenching, grading, drainage work, slope modification, or changes to impervious surface anticipated. No vegetation trimming, removal, or landscape work is expected. All construction and staging activities will occur within Caltrans right of way, with no temporary construction easements or off pavement staging areas proposed. No underground or overhead utilities will be affected, and relevant Caltrans Electrical units have been contacted regarding Caltrans owned utilities. Traffic handling will require lane closures, ramp closures, detours, and night work, with potential extended closures for certain operations including ramp work. Local access impacts will be limited to work at the northbound on ramp from Roscoe Blvd and

the southbound off ramp to Roscoe Blvd, where existing crosswalk striping will be refreshed at their intersections with Roscoe Blvd.

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 and minor pavement repair of an existing highway facility, including slab replacement, digouts, slurry seal, and refreshing existing crosswalk striping, with no expansion of use. All work occurs entirely within existing Caltrans right-of-way and does not require grading, trenching, vegetation removal, utility relocation, drainage improvements, or other activities that could cause environmental impacts. Ground disturbance is limited to shallow pavement excavation and installation of temporary construction area sign posts, with no changes to impervious surface area or roadway configuration. Because the work restores and maintains the existing roadway surface without increasing capacity or altering 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: Chris Benz-Blumberg Date: 07/29/2026 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: 07/29/2026

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

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

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