

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation State Clearinghouse P. O. Box 3044, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	FROM: Name: Riverside County (Public Transportation Commission Agency) Address: 4080 Lemon Street, 3rd Floor, Riverside CA 92501 Telephone: (951) 787-7141
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1. Project Title:	Ordinance No. 26-001 Adopting Substantive Transactions and Use Tax Measure (hereinafter, the "Ordinance")
2. Project Applicant:	Riverside County Transportation Commission ("the Commission")
3. Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	Riverside County, California
4. Description of nature, purpose, and beneficiaries of Project:	The Ordinance involves renewing a countywide sales tax within Riverside County that, if approved by the voters, would procure funding for the Commission's operations and investments. The Ordinance does not commit the Commission to any particular project or program. Beneficiaries of the Ordinance include residents of Riverside County and users of transportation infrastructure in Riverside County.
5. Name of Public Agency approving project:	Riverside County Transportation Commission
6. Name of Person or Agency undertaking the project, including any person undertaking an activity that receives financial assistance from the Public Agency as part of the activity or the person receiving a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement of use from the Public Agency as part of the activity:	Riverside County Transportation Commission
7. Exempt status: (check one)	
(a) ☐ Ministerial project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines § 15268)
(b) ☒ Not a project.	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15378)
(c) ☐ Declared Emergency	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(a))
(d) ☐ Emergency Project.	(Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines § 15269(b),(c))
(e) ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:	

(f) ☐ Statutory Exemption. State Code section number:	
(g) ☒ Other. Explanation:	(State CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) Common Sense exemption)
8. Reason why project was exempt:	The approval of this Ordinance is not a "project" and, alternatively, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). The Ordinance is intended to provide a funding mechanism for potential future projects and programs related to the Commission's provision of transportation services. The Ordinance does not commit the Commission to any particular project, program, or capital improvement. Accordingly, the Commission finds that, under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), adoption of this Ordinance is not a project subject to the requirements of CEQA because the Ordinance is merely "[t]he creation of [a] government funding mechanism or other fiscal activity which do[es] not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment." (CEQA Guidelines § 15378, subd. (b)(4); see also <i>Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v. Santa Barbara County Association of Governments</i> (2009) 179 Cal.App.4th 113, 123.) Additionally, the timing, design, and approval of individual projects to be funded by the Ordinance are dependent on future funding availability, need, feasibility, CEQA review, future Expenditure Plan review and amendments, and numerous other factors. Thus, the timing and design of future projects, which may not be brought forward for many years, are unknown, and insufficient information is available to enable meaningful environmental review. (CEQA Guidelines § 15004.) Further, because the Ordinance does not approve the construction of any projects that may result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment, and because future voter approval is required as set forth in PUC Section 240301, approving the Ordinance is not an approval that commits the Commission to a definite course of action. (CEQA Guidelines § 15352.) Thus, it can also be seen with certainty that the Ordinance has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment and is exempt from any further review under CEQA. (CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3).)

9. Lead Agency Contact Person: Telephone:	Aaron Hake, Executive Director (951) 787-7141
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Date: 6/10/2026

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