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July 16, 2026

PROJECT TITLE: Thermal Yard Parking Shade Structure Improvements Project
Work Order#: ZD977143 Task Code #: Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Thermal Maintenance Yard in the community of Thermal in Riverside County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department (County) is proposing to construct a parking shade structure at its Thermal Maintenance Yard in Thermal, Riverside County. The maintenance yard is located at 86199 Airport Boulevard, approximately 720 feet east of the intersection of Tyler Street and Higgins Drive. The proposed parking shade structure will involve a cantilever structure and will replace the existing pavement surface with reinforced concrete placement. All work will occur within previously disturbed or developed portions of the facility.

Additional improvements include:

- Removal of asphalt concrete pavement and construction of concrete pavement
- Reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement
- Dewatering of ground water as needed
- Stripping of parking stalls
- Clearing and grubbing of any vegetation (including trees)
- Utility potholing
- Any additional work required to complete the activity, which may include minor construction-related tasks such as installing traffic control, implementing dust-prevention measures, compacting base and asphalt during reconstruction, performing inspector-directed miscellaneous work, or saw-cutting pavement.

All improvements are proposed within the existing County right of way; therefore, no additional right of way or temporary construction easements or permits will be required to construct the proposed improvements.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The parking shade structure will be installed by the County, who is a permittee as defined by the CVMSHCP. The project is subject to compliance within the CVMSHCP. In accordance with Section 7 of the CVMSHCP, the construction of the shaded parking structure is a necessary improvement within an existing facility and is considered a covered activity. Additionally, the project is not within any designated Conservation Area, and all work will occur in previously disturbed or developed portions of the facility. This project will comply with the construction guidelines following general Best Management Practices (BMPs).

The Riverside County Transportation Department has found that the above-described project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on the following:

Section 15311 – Accessory Structures – Installation of a parking shade structure at the Thermal Maintenance Yard is consistent with Categorical Exemption Section 15311, which exempts the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to small parking lots or other facilities designed for public use. The proposed shade structure is a minor, accessary improvement to an existing developed and paved County facility.

Section 15301 – Existing Facilities – After the parking shade structure is installed, the affected area will be repaved. The repaving of the small parking lot at the County's maintenance yard is consistent with Categorical Exemption Section 15301, which exempts minor alterations of existing facilities. This work constitutes routine maintenance and repair of an existing paved area, involving no expansion of use.

By: Lisa Ann Wadley, PMP, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia

Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager

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DATE: July 16, 2026

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager FS

RE: **Thermal Yard Parking Shade Structure Improvements Project**
W.O.#ZD977143C Task Code # Z1530

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is requesting that you post the attached Notice of Exemption per County Implementing Resolution No. 82-213, Division 11, Section 205C. Attached you will find an authorization to bill by journal voucher in the amount of $50.00 for your posting fee.

After posting, please return the document to Mail Stop #2136, Attention: Lisa Wadley. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Wadley at lisa.wadley@rivco.org.

Attachment

cc: file

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 ZD977143C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD9-77143C, Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: $50.00

DATE: July 16, 2026

AGENCY: County of Riverside Transportation Department

THIS AUTHORIZES THE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER TO ISSUE A VOUCHER FOR PAYMENT OF ALL FILING AND HANDLING FEES FOR THE ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT(S).

NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS INCLUDED: One (1)

AUTHORIZED BY: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: Frances Segovia

PRESENTED BY: Lisa Wadley, Associate Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY:

DATE:

RECEIPT # (S)