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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

September 28, 2026

PROJECT TITLE: Emergency Repair of Strawberry Creek Bridge
Work Order#ZM81136 Task Code #Z3690

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Idyllwild

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department will be conducting emergency repairs on Strawberry Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 56C0225, County Bridge No. M8113) which sustained damage to the barrier segment at the northeast corner of the bridge. The reinforced concrete post support detached from its base resulting in failure of the barrier system at the northeast corner.

The scope of work includes the removal and disposal of debris, including removing damaged Hot Mix Asphalt surrounding the damaged post, the reconstruction of a reinforced concrete barrier post and the compaction of fill in the undermined and eroded cavity, the placement of new Hot Mix Asphalt over an aggregate base and the installation of a object marker sign.

All repairs will occur at the northeast end of the bridge, which is a County maintained and located within the County Right-of-Way. All work and staging of equipment will be within the County-maintained Right-of-Way. No proposed project improvements, clearing and grubbing will take place within the riverbed.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This project is subject to compliance with the Western Riverside County MSHCP. In accordance with Section 7 of the Western Riverside County MSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance along existing roadways are considered a covered activity outside/inside of cell criteria area/conservation areas. This project is located outside a criteria cell and conservation area and is considered to be operation and maintenance; therefore, it is a covered activity under the Western Riverside County MSHCP.

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – September 1), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA).

The County of Riverside 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 15269 (b)(c)(d), Statutory Exemption for Emergency Projects –CEQA Guidelines

Section 15269 allows for emergency repairs (b) to a public facility necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety or welfare, and (c) specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. The proposed activities qualify to be statutorily exempt from CEQA under Section 15269 (b) and (c) because the activity consists of repairing a segment of the bridge barrier to address safety.

Section 15301 (c), Existing Facilities, allows for the repair and maintenance of existing public facilities that involve negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The proposed activities qualify to be exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) because the activities consist of repair and maintenance of existing facilities that do not create additional traffic lanes and involve negligible or no expansion of use of the existing roadways and associated facilities.

By: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia
Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: September 28, 2026

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager

RE: **Emergency Repair of Strawberry Creek Bridge** FS
W.O.# ZM81136 Task Code # Z3690

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: David Castro. If you have any questions, please contact David at dacastro@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 ZM81136 Z3690

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZM81136, Task Code Z3690

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: September 22, 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*

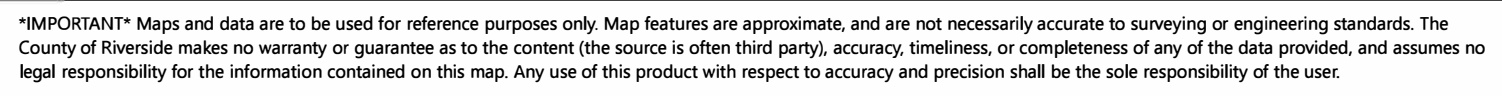
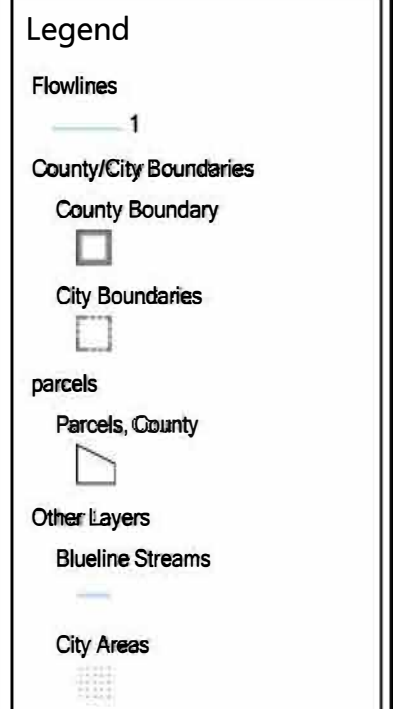
PRESENTED BY: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

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