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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

October 1, 2026

PROJECT TITLE: Florence Street Road Construction Project

Work Order# D50069C Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Mead Valley, Riverside County, CA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing a new asphalt roadway on Florence Street between the limits of about 250 feet north of Cajalco Road to Dawes Street, approximately 0.25 miles, in Mead Valley, Riverside County. Florence Street is a local, predominantly unpaved roadway with a current width of approximately 60 feet wide and a proposed road width of 26 feet, the right-of-way is 60 feet. The proposed project will remove and replace about 50 feet of existing asphalt concrete and pave the remaining dirt portion of Florence Street. In addition, it will include grading and moisture conditioning the roadway width and paving with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA).

Additional improvements include:

- Asphalt Concrete Pavement
- Safety edge and shoulder backing
- Removing and replacing asphalt dike
- Remove existing asphalt concrete
- Pavement delineation of roadway
- Trimming and/or removing trees and vegetation as needed
- Removing rocks as necessary

All proposed improvements are within the County's right of way. No additional right-of-way or temporary construction easements are required to construct the proposed improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS: The paving of an existing dirt roadway will be conducted by the County of Riverside Transportation Department, who is a permittee as defined by the Western Riverside Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan (WRMSHCP). Therefore, this project is subject to compliance within the WRMSHCP.

The project is outside of designated MSHCP Criteria Cells. Under Section 7.1 Covered Activities Outside Criteria Area and PQP lands of the WRMSHCP, necessary operation and maintenance projects, are Covered Activities and are not subject to survey or mitigation requirements outside criteria area and Public/Quasi-Public Lands. However, these covered activities are subject to compliance with Best Management Practices as described in Appendix C of the WRMSHCP.

If tree and/or vegetation removal takes place during the migratory bird breeding season (February 1 – August 31), a preconstruction nesting survey will be conducted pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Cultural Records and Survey Results

The proposed project will require the removal of rocks. Specifically, there is a rock outcropping on the west side of the road in the northern portion of the project near Dawes St that will need to be cut approximately 3'-5' to accommodate the proposed improvements.

The County's archaeological consultant evaluated the rock outcropping through a review of cultural records for the project area, conducted on August 26, 2026. The cultural resources assessment concluded that the rock outcropping does not meet the criteria for a cultural resource. Therefore, the proposed project is not anticipated to result in impacts to cultural resources.

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

Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities – The proposed project involves the removal and replacement of approximately 50 feet of existing pavement in addition to the paving the remaining dirt section of Florence Street with HMA. The proposed project is consistent with Section 15301(c) that exempts existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, including road grading for the purpose of public safety, provided the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing use. This project involves no additional travel lanes and constitutes negligible expansion of the existing roadway.

By: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia
Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager



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DATE: October 1, 2026

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager *FS*

RE: **Project Name: Florence Street Road Construction Project**
W.O. # D50069C 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: Don Copeland. If you have any questions, please contact Don Copeland at dcopelan@rivco.org.

Attachment

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CLERK & RECORDER

**AUTHORIZATION
TO BILL
BY JOURNAL VOUCHER**

-TO BE FILLED IN BY SUBMITTING AGENCY-
537280-20000-3130500000 D50069C Task Order Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#D50069C Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: October 1, 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: Don Copeland, Senior Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

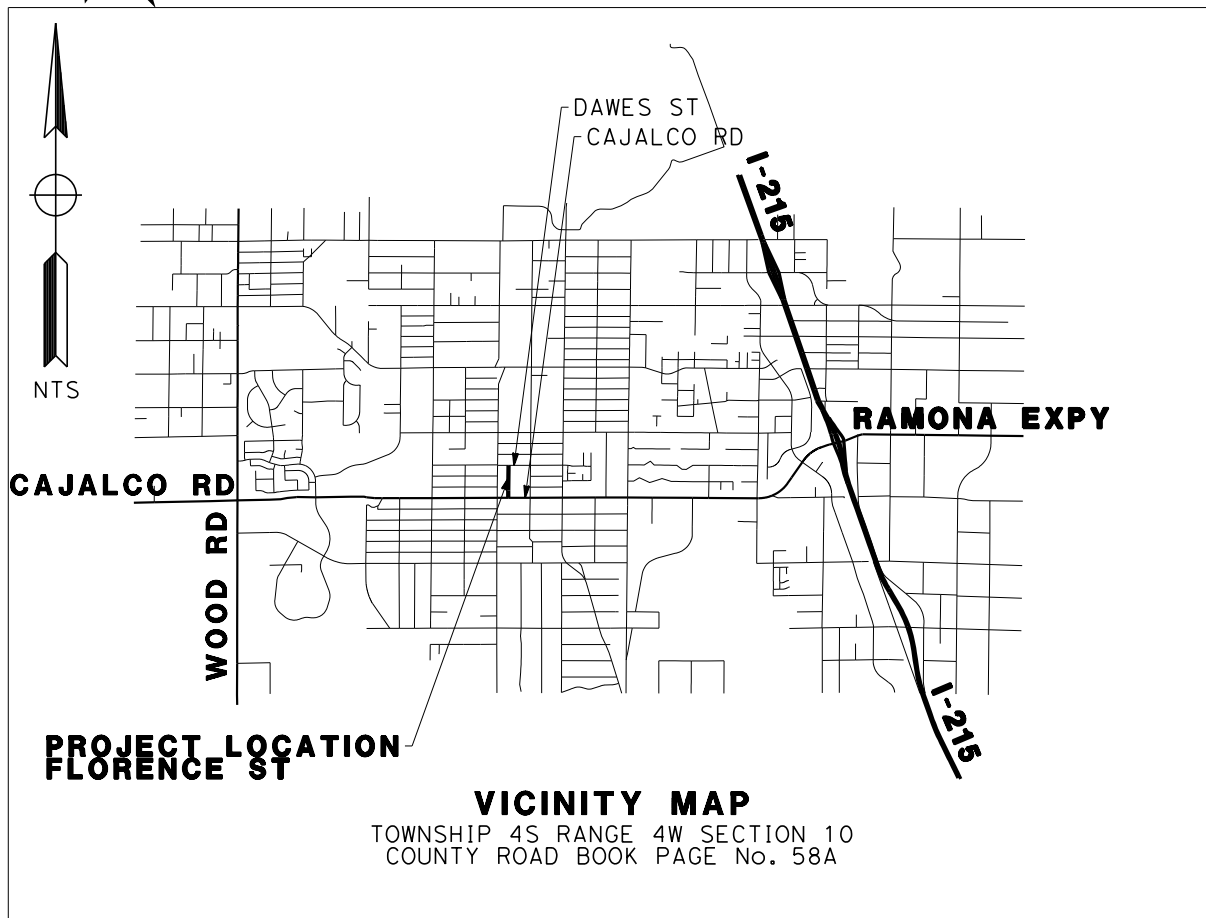
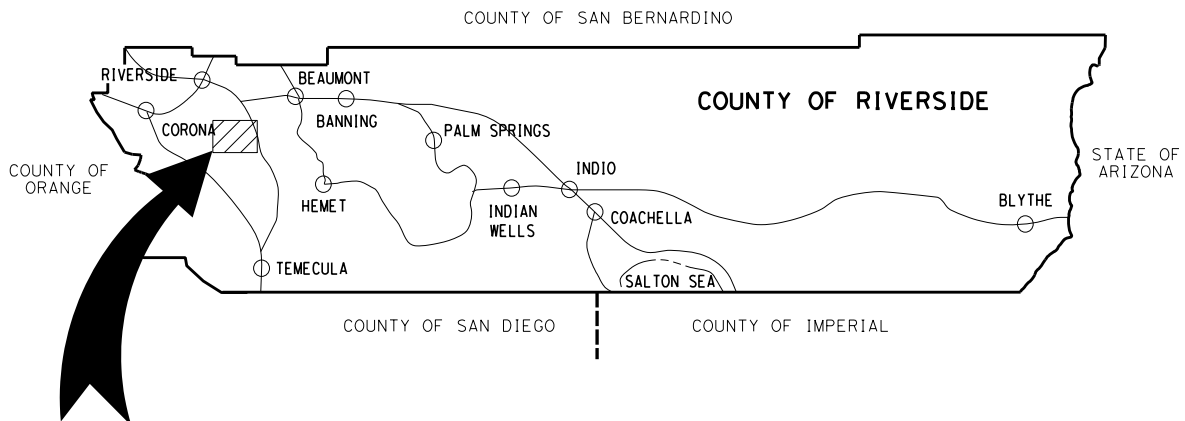
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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

FLORENCE ST

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
DAWES ST TO CAJALCO RD
COMMUNITY OF MEAD VALLEY

PROJECT No. D5-0069



0 87.5 175 350 Feet
1 inch = 178 feet
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D5-0069 FLORENCE ST NEW DAWES ST TO CAJALCO RD

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