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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

May 6, 2026

PROJECT TITLE: **Mt Vernon Ave Sidewalk Project**
Work Order#ZD50055C Task Code #Z1530

PROJECT SPONSOR: County of Riverside Transportation Department

PROJECT LOCATION: Community of Highgrove

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Mt Vernon Ave from Spring St to Center St, providing a connection between the existing ADA ramps at each intersection. The proposed work also includes resurfacing a portion of the west side of Mt Vernon Ave. Mt Vernon Ave is a two-lane road with width varying from 47 feet to 62 feet and is classified as a Secondary Highway in the County of Riverside's General Plan. The proposed work will consist of excavating the existing Asphalt Concrete (AC) pavement and paving back with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), as well as applying a layer of Type II Slurry Seal.

The proposed project will also include:

- Construction of Curb and Gutter
- Re-striping of roadway, including pavement markers/reflectors.

The proposed project improvements will be within the existing right of way. Temporary construction easements will not be required for the proposed improvements.

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 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).

Within 30 days prior to the beginning of ground disturbance, a pre-construction presence/absence survey for the Burrowing Owl shall be conducted by a qualified County biologist, as required by the WRMSHCP. This can be performed simultaneously with the nesting bird survey if it is required.

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 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities – The project proposes to construct a sidewalk on the west side of Mt Vernon Ave from Spring St to Center St, providing a connection between the existing ADA ramps at each intersection. The project in its entirety is consistent with Section 15301(c) because it does not create additional traffic lanes and involves no expansion of use of the existing roadway and associated facilities.

By: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Frances Segovia

Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager

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DATE: May 6, 2026

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Frances Segovia, Environmental Project Manager FS

RE: **Mt Vernon Ave Sidewalk Project**
W.O.#ZD50055C 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: 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 ZD5-0055C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD5-0055C, Task Code Z1530

AMOUNT: $50.00

DATE: May 6, 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:

RECEIPT # (S)

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

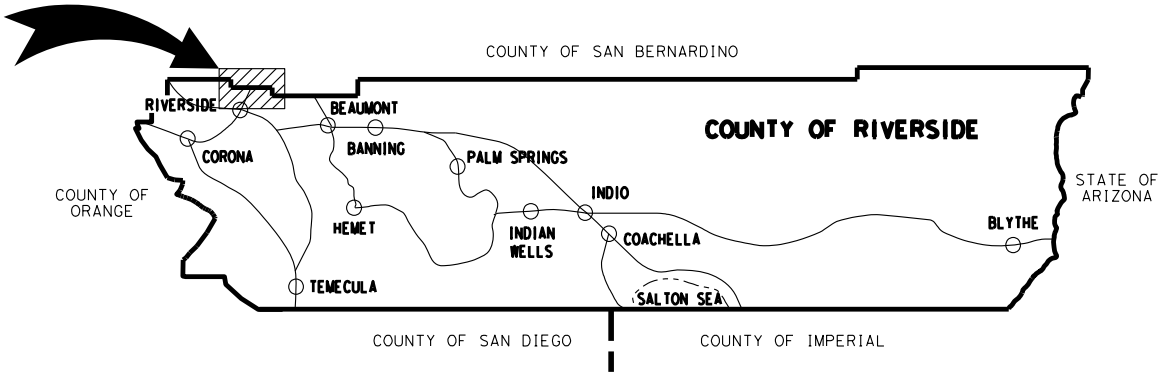
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

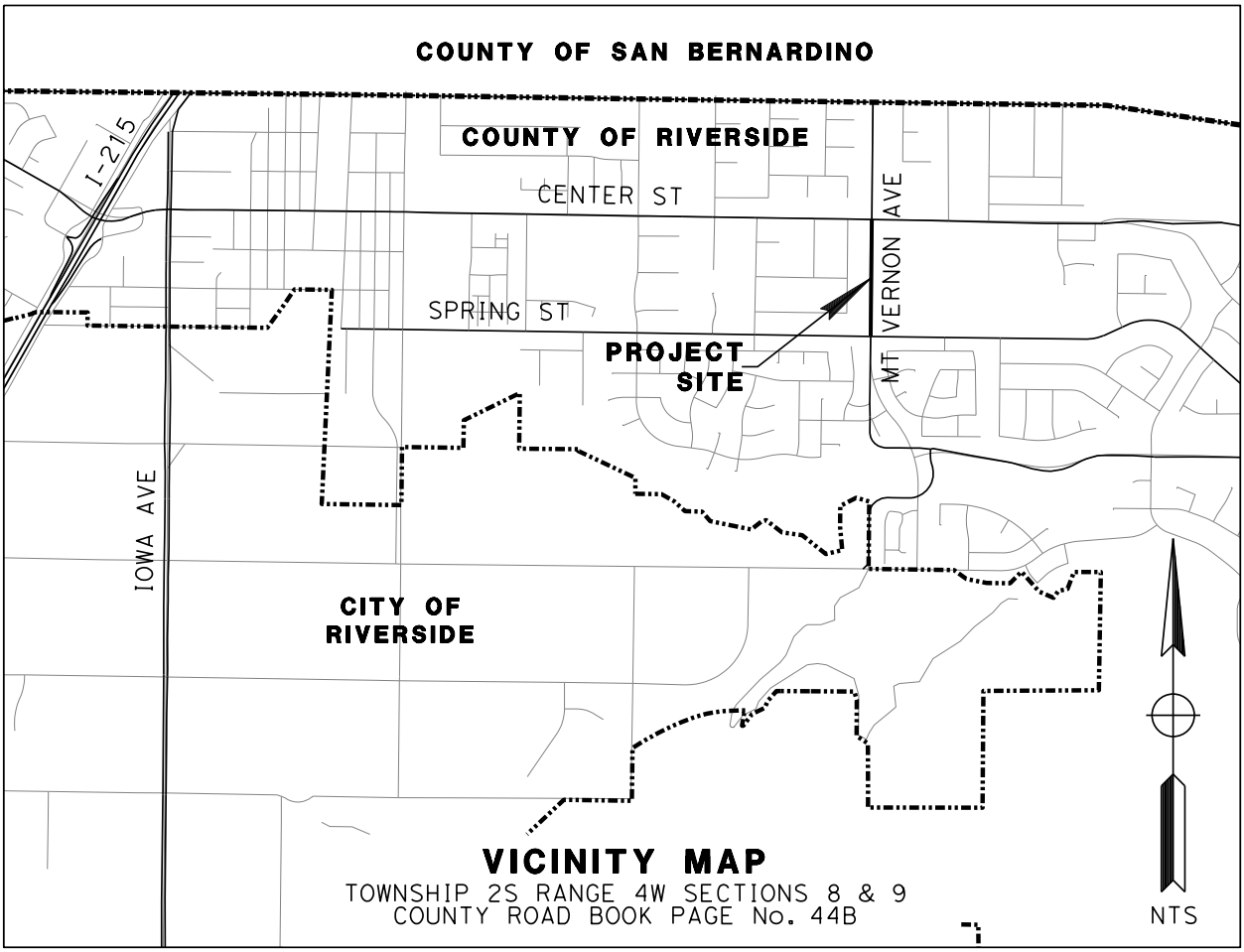
MT VERNON AVE

SIDEWALK PROJECT
SPRING ST TO CENTER ST

COMMUNITY OF HIGHGROVE

PROJECT No. D5-0055





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