

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research
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From: City of Rialto
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Rialto, CA 92376

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Project Title: Riverside Avenue Over the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge Widening

Project Applicant: City of Rialto

Project Location (Specific): Riverside Avenue crossing at the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) in the City of Rialto, California.

Project Location (City): City of Rialto

Project Location (County): San Bernardino

Project Description: The project would widen or replace the bridge over the UPRR to match the configuration of the adjacent Riverside Avenue bridge over I-10 by extending the existing left-turn pockets from the 1-10 bridge southerly to the UPRR bridge. The existing Riverside Avenue bridge over the UPRR experiences bottleneck congestion along the bridge segment. The existing left-turn pockets at the 1-10 westbound entrance ramp are heavily used by large trucks queuing to access the 1-10 freeway. The insufficient capacity of the existing left-turn pockets causes spillover traffic into the northbound through lanes on the bridge segment. Project features include minor right-of-way acquisition, utility relocations, shoulders, sidewalks, and bicycle lanes.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Rialto

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Rialto, Public Works Department, 335 W Rialto Avenue, Rialto, CA

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269 (b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number:
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code

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Reasons why project is exempt: Section 21080.13 of the Public Resources Code lists the statutory exemption for railroad grade separations as follows: "This division shall not apply to any railroad grade separation project which eliminates an existing grade crossing or which reconstructs an existing grade separation." The Riverside Avenue bridge widening meets this definition.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Matt Bennett

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: November 6, 2025

Title: City Engineer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21080.13, Public Resources Code
Reference:

Date received for filing at OPR: _____