

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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☒ Office of Planning and Research
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☐ County Clerk
 County of: Riverside
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From:

Public Agency: Caltrans District 8
 Address: 464 West 4th Street, MS 827
San Bernardino, CA 92401
 Contact: Gita Tokhmafshan
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Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019100381

Project Title: I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 8

Project Location (include county): County of Riverside

Project Description:

The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is proposing to construct new lanes along I-15 between post mile (PM) 21.2 and PM 38.1 in Riverside County, California. The primary component of the I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) Project (Project) would be the addition of two tolled express lanes in both the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) directions within the median of Interstate (I-) 15 from State Route (SR-) 74 (Central Avenue) (PM 22.3) in the City of Lake Elsinore, through the unincorporated Riverside County community of Temescal Valley, to El Cerrito Road (PM 38.1) in the City of Corona, for a distance of approximately 15.8 miles.

This is to advise that the Caltrans District 8 has approved the above
☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on 12/03/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [☒ will ☐ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Caltrans District 8, 464 West 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401.

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Date: 12/03/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____