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Federal Highway Administration

Notice of Final Federal Agency Actions on Proposed Transportation Project in California

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of limitation on claims for judicial review.

SUMMARY: The FHWA, on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), is issuing this notice to announce actions taken by Caltrans that are final. The actions relate to a proposed highway project, I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) in the City of Lake Elsinore, through the unincorporated Riverside County community of Temescal Valley to El Cerrito Road in the City of Corona in the County of Riverside, State of California. Those actions grant licenses, permits, and approvals for the project.

DATES: By this notice, the FHWA, on behalf of Caltrans, is advising the public of final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. §139(l)(1). A claim seeking judicial review of the Federal agency actions on the highway project will be barred unless the claim is filed on or before [Insert date 150 days after publication in the Federal Register]. If the Federal law that authorizes judicial review of a claim provides a time period of less than 150 days for filing such claim, then that shorter time period still applies.

ADDRESSES: The Environmental Assessment, Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and additional project documents can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at: <https://www.rctc.org/projects/i15-express-southern-extension/> or by contacting Caltrans District 8 Environmental, California Department of Transportation, District 8, 464 West 4th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), Monday through Friday, except State holidays. Or at Riverside County Transportation Commission: 4080 Lemon St. 3rd Floor,

P.O. Box 12008, Riverside, CA 92502, during normal business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific Time), Monday through Friday, except State holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Caltrans: Gita Tokhmafshan, Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Planning Caltrans District 8, 464 West 4th Street, 6th Floor, MS 821 San Bernardino, CA 92401-1400, Office Hours: 8 a.m.- 5:00 p.m., Office Phone: (909) 501-5742, Email: Gita.Tokhmafshan@dot.ca.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective July 1, 2007 and as subsequently renewed on May 27, 2022, the FHWA assigned, and Caltrans assumed, environmental responsibilities for this project pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327. Notice is hereby given that Caltrans has taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the proposed highway. The actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on December 3, 2025, and in other documents in the project records. The FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Caltrans at the address provided above.

The project subject to this notice is:

Project Location: The project limits include constructing two new express lanes in both the northbound (NB) and southbound (SB) directions, for a total of four lanes, within the median of I-15 from State Route (SR-) 74 (Central Avenue) (post mile [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.

Project Actions: This notice applies to the Environmental Assessment and all other Federal agency licenses, permits, or approvals for the listed project as of the issuance date of this notice including but not limited to the Section 4(f) Resource Programmatic Approval and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*]; Federal–Aid Highway Act (FAHA) [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128]; 23 CFR part 771.
2. *Air*: Clean Air Act (CAA) [42 U.S.C. 7401-7671(q)], with the exception of project level conformity determinations [42 U.S.C. 7506].
3. *Noise*: Noise Control Act of 1972 [42 U.S.C. 4901-4918]; 23 CFR part 772.
4. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [23 U.S.C. 138 and 49 U.S.C. 303]; 23 CFR part 774; Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [54 U.S.C. 200302-200310].
5. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act (ESA) [16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and 1536]; Marine Mammal Protection Act [16 U.S.C. 1361-1423h], Anadromous Fish Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 757(a)-757(f)]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) [16 U.S.C. 703-712]; Magnuson-Stevenson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1801-1891d], with Essential Fish Habitat requirements [16 U.S.C. 1855(b)(2)].
6. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [54 U.S.C. 3006101 *et seq.*]; Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-470(II)]; Preservation of Historical and Archaeological Data [54 U.S.C. 312501-312508]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001-3013; 18 U.S.C. 1170].
7. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000 d-2000d- 1]; American Indian Religious Freedom Act [42 U.S.C. 1996]; Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) [7 U.S.C. 4201-4209].

8. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Clean Water Act (Section 319, Section 401, Section 404) [33 U.S.C. 1251-1387]; Coastal Barriers Resources Act (CBRA) [16 U.S.C. 3501-3510]; Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) [16 U.S.C. 1451-1466]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300f-300j - 26]; Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 [33 U.S.C. 401-406]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271-1287]; Emergency Wetlands Resources Act [16 U.S.C. 3921, 3931]; Wetlands Mitigation, [23 U.S.C. 119(g) and 133(b)(3)]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001-4130].
9. *Hazardous Materials*: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601–9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].
10. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

(Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1)).

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