

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



ITEM: 3.52  
(ID # 19307)

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

**FROM :** TLMA-TRANSPORTATION:

**SUBJECT:** TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY/TRANSPORTATION:  
Approval of the Notice of Exemption for the Ramona Expressway Median Project, Districts 3 and 5. [\$50 Total Cost - Gas Tax 100%] (Clerk to File Notice of Exemption)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that the Ramona Expressway Median Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (c) - Existing Facilities and (f) – Safety Devices; and
2. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk for posting within five (5) working days.

**ACTION:Policy**

  
Mark Lancaster, Director of Transportation 6/7/2022

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: Washington  
Date: June 28, 2022  
xc: Transp., Recorder

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 50	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: Gas Tax (100%) There are no General Funds used in this project.</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	21/22

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to construct approximately 8.5 miles of a raised median island between Rider Street and Warren Road on Ramona Expressway. Ramona Expressway is currently classified as an Expressway in the County of Riverside General Plan. Ramona Expressway is a two to four lane road and currently ranges from 40-120 feet wide with asphalt curb along various segments of the roadway. The proposed project will include constructing a two-foot wide, 8"-high raised median island along the center on the roadway.

There has recently been an increase in fatalities along the roadway which has prompted immediate action on the Transportation Departments behalf. The median will help reduce the number of crossover centerline accidents which typically result in severe injuries or fatal collisions. The approval of an Environmental Document is a major in the completion of preliminary design phase and beginning of the final design phase. The Ramona Expressway Median project is on an accelerated schedule and the Transportation Department anticipates having full Plans, Specifications, and Estimates ready for Advertisement by October 2022. The Transportation Department will bring a Form 11 to the Board to seek approval of the plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bid as soon as possible thereafter.

Additional improvements will include constructing openings in the median for drainage purposes and to provide access to private properties along the route, additional signage, modifications to existing striping and other associated work. The preliminary estimate cost of construction is \$5 million.

Project No. D2-0101

**Environmental Findings**

The proposed project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301 (c) – Existing Facilities exemption because the Ramona Expressway Median Project does not create additional traffic lanes and involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use of the existing roadway and associated facilities. Additionally, the project is also exempt from CEQA under Section

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15301 (f) – Safety Devices as the project proposed to add safety devices to be used in conjunction with an existing facility.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

The purpose of this project is to construct approximately 8.5 miles of new center median to improve the safety of vehicular traffic by providing openings in the median island, there is no anticipated impact to local businesses.

The work is anticipated to begin early 2023. The work will be phased to keep the road open during construction as much as possible and will take approximately two months to complete.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Vicinity Map

Notice of Exemption and Journal Voucher

  
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Jason Farin, Principal Management Analyst      6/22/2022

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

**RAMONA EXPRESSWAY**

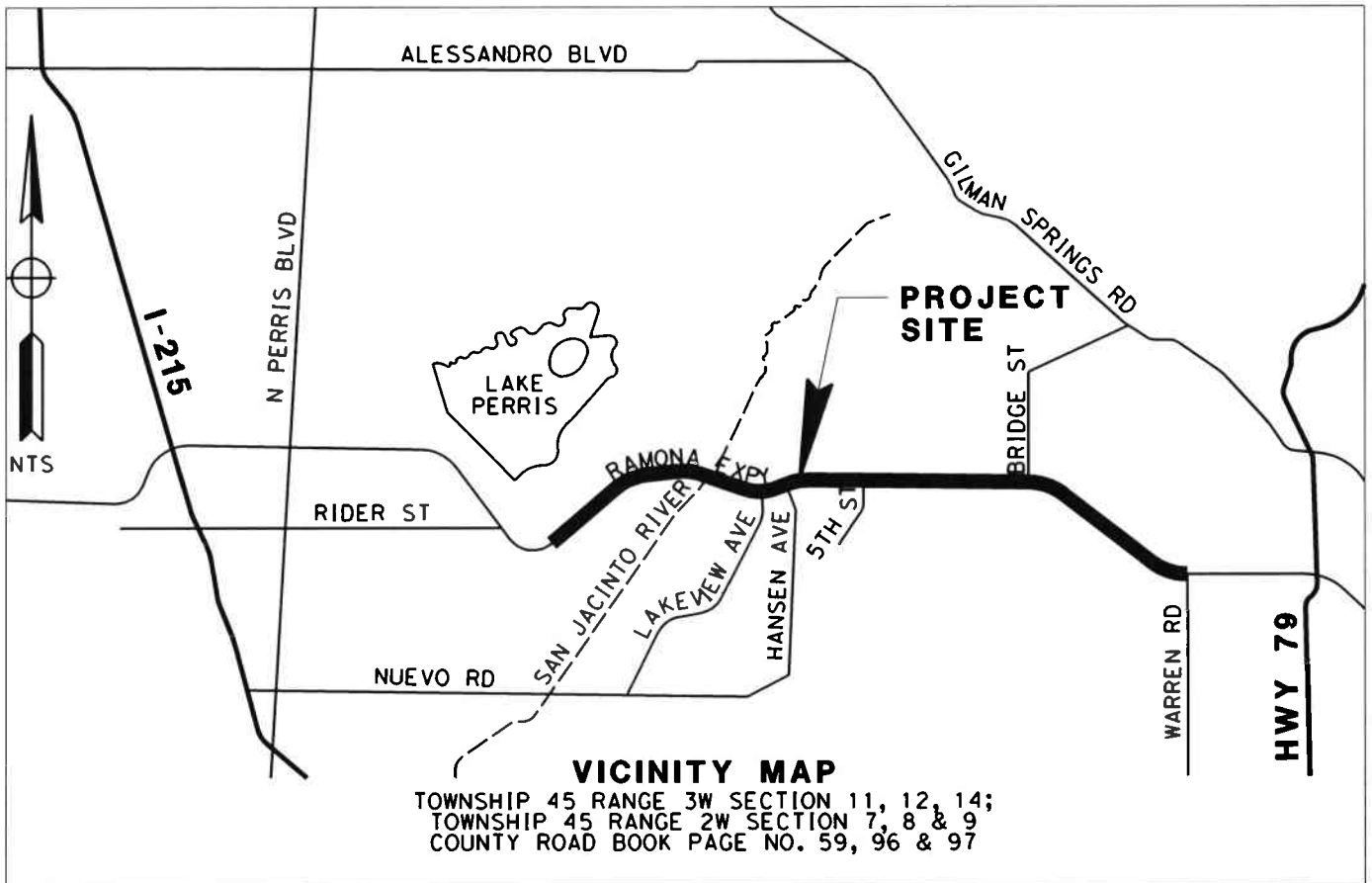
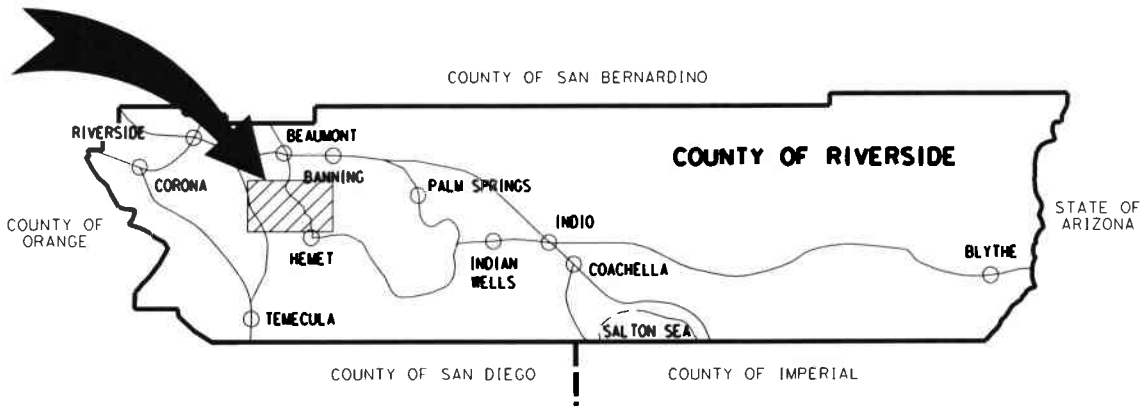
MEDIAN

0.79 MI E'LY RIDER STREET TO WARREN ROAD

COMMUNITIES OF NUEVO, LAKEVIEW,  
AND GILMAN HOT SPRINGS

PROJECT No. D2-0101

PROJECT  
LOCATION



**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE**  
**TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY**



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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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Development

May 18, 2022

**PROJECT TITLE:** Ramona Expressway Median Project  
Work Order#ZD2-0101C Task Code #Z1530

**PROJECT SPONSOR:** County of Riverside Transportation Department

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Community of Lakeview and Gilman Hot Springs

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT:** 3 and 5

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The County of Riverside Transportation Department is proposing to construct approximately 8.5 miles of an 8" curbed center median along the center on the roadway between Rider Street and Warren Road on Ramona Expressway. Ramona Expressway is currently classified as an Expressway in the County of Riverside General Plan. Ramona Expressway is a two to four lane road and currently ranges from 40-120 feet wide with dikes along various segments of the roadway.

Additional improvements include:

- Removal and replacement of existing centerline channelizers
- Construction of slotted opening in the median for drainage
- Restriping of roadway
- Additional signage

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

No additional right-of-way or temporary construction easements will be required to construct the proposed improvements.

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 an operation and maintenance; therefore, it is a covered activity under the Western Riverside County MSHCP.

Original Negative Declaration/Notice of  
Determination was routed to County  
Clerks for posting on.  
Date 5/20/22  
[Signature]

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**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) and (f) – Existing Facilities** – The project proposes to construct approximately 8.5 miles of an 8”curbed center median along the center on the roadway between Rider Street and Warren Road on Ramona Expressway in the Lakeview and Gilman Hot Springs area of the County of Riverside. The project proposes improvements that are consistent with Section 15301(c) because the project is a minor alteration as well as maintenance of an existing road and associated facilities with negligible or no expansion of use.

Furthermore, the project proposes to improve safety conditions along Ramona Expressway by installing an 8”curbed center median along the center on the roadway that is consistent with Section 15301(f) because the project consists of addition of safety protections for use in conjunction with an existing facility.

By: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

Signed: Jan Bulinski  
Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager



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### Transportation Department

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DATE: May 18, 2022

TO: Josefina Castillo-Avila, ACR Technician III

FROM: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager *JEB*

RE: **Ramona Expressway Median Project**  
W.O.#ZD2-0101C 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](mailto: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 ZD2-0101C Z1530

AUTHORIZATION NUMBER: W.O.#ZD2-0101C, Task Code # Z1530

AMOUNT: \$50.00

DATE: May 18, 2022

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: Jan Bulinski, Environmental Project Manager

Signature: *Jan Bulinski*

PRESENTED BY: David Castro, Associate Transportation Planner

-TO BE FILLED IN BY COUNTY CLERK-

ACCEPTED BY: -

DATE: -

RECEIPT # (S) -

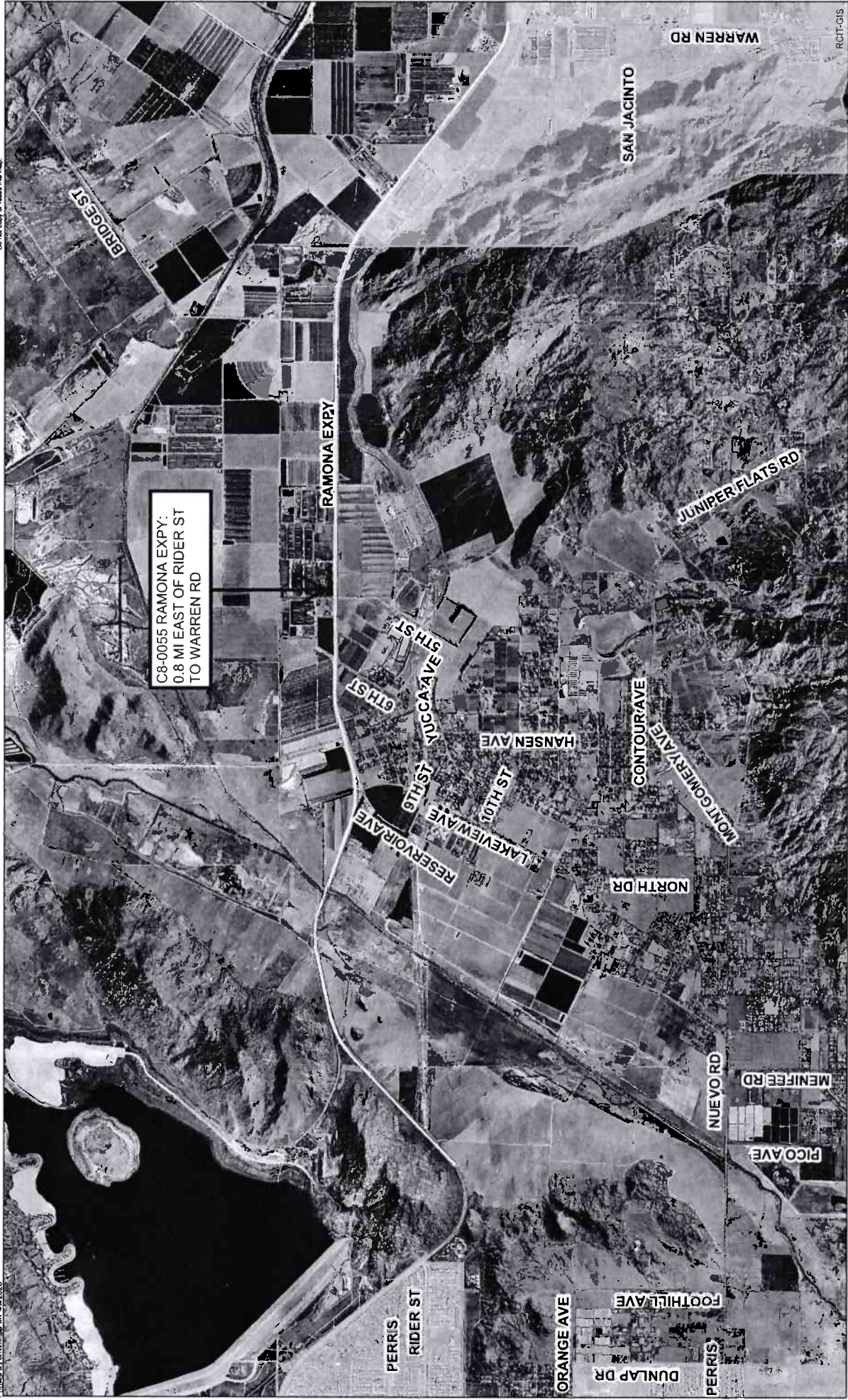


# Ramona Expressway From Rider Street to Warren Road

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Orthophoto Plan 2016  
Printed by chris on 09/29/2020

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**Riverside County**  
**Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder**  
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Riverside, CA 92507  
(951) 486-7000  
www.rivcoacr.org

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Gateway Clerk





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**FILED / POSTED**

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Peter Aldana  
Assessor-County Clerk-Recorder

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# Ramona Expressway From Rider Street to Warren Road

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Orthophoto From 2018  
Map by Riverside GIS Services



CB-0055 RAMONA EXPY:  
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TO WARREN RD

RAMONA EXPY

BRIDGE ST

PERRIS  
RIDER ST

ORANGE AVE  
DUNLAP DR  
PERRIS  
FOOTHILL AVE

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RESERVOIR AVE  
LAUREN AVE  
NORTH DR  
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