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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of:

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 11
4050 Taylor Street, MS 242
San Diego, CA 92110
(Address)

Project Title: EA 42500: Update Curve Warning Signage in District 11 per current FHWA standards.

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

Various Interstate Routes, State Routes throughout San Diego County & Imperial County

Project Location - City: Various SD Co & Imp Co Project Location - County: San Diego/Imp Counties

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Update Curve Signage on District 11 Various locations with current FHWA standards. Caltrans has identified curve warning signs at horizontal curves on various routes in eastern San Diego County and in Imperial County on Routes I-8, SR-7, SR-78, SR-79, SR-86, SR-94, SR-98, SR-111, SR-186, and SR-188. All signage on Existing ROW

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Maintenance Projects matches the requirements list of Class 1: existing highway/street maintenance without expansion of existing facility.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Shay Lynn M. Harrison Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-688-0190

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 [X] No

Signature: Shay Lynn M. Harrison Date: 6/6/2019 Title: Chief, Env. Analysis (C)

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

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Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: JUN 06 2019

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11-SD/IMP-Various Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	Various P.M./P.M.	11-42500 E.A/Project No.	Proj.ID.: 11-16000095 Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

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CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
 Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

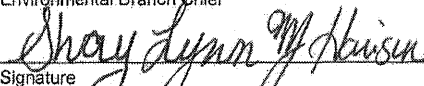

Common Sense Exemption. [This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)]

Shay Lynn M. Harrison

Barzan Aran (for Sam Amen)

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

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Signature	Date	Signature	Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

23 USC 326: The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(8,22)
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()
- Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State

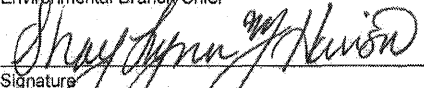
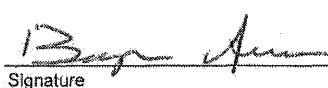
23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

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Signature	Date	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:

Date of ECR or equivalent:

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Environmental Commitments Record

Project shall be kept in compliance with current Environmental Commitments Record continuously until Certificate of Completion is executed.

Biology

Sign locations are approved within the disturbed habit of the existing roadway prism. Should plans change to include undisturbed areas for placement, biologist should be consulted for re-evaluation of impacts.

Cultural

Locations have been reviewed for impacts to cultural resources and located such to avoid impacts to resources. Any changes to approved locations will require consultation with cultural resource specialists.

Hazardous Waste

All earth material disturbed for this work shall be wasted in the immediate are of work. Any areas of soil disturbance in which there is not room to keep disturbed soil onsite, an ADL study will be required prior to the start of construction. No soil will be removed from the right of way for this project without an ADL study being completed. Handling of material containing ADL must result in no visible dust migration. A means of controlling dust must be available at all times when handling material in work areas containing ADL.

Landscape / Visual Resources

Contractor must exercise care in the demolition and construction of the signage improvements to avoid damage to existing vegetation, and other highway amenities located in or adjacently to the project area. If unanticipated resource impacts occur, notify the Visual Analysis subject matter experts to provide re-evaluation of proposed project and provide guidance for any resulting modifications.

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