

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, Dist. 06
855 M Street, Suite 200
Fresno CA 93721

Project Title: Porterville 65 & 190 Rumble Strips

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
The proposed project is along State Route (SR) 65 between Post Miles (PM) 0.0/R9.3 and PM R14.07/R15.10. The proposed project is also along SR 190 between PM 8.0/14.96 and PM 18.70/26.54.

Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: TUL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The project would install shoulder and centerline rumble strips, loop detectors, peizos, and modify telephone demarcation cabinets and traffic signs at various locations within the project limits. All the work would occur within Caltrans' right-of-way. The purpose of this project is to improve the safety along segments of SR 65 and SR 190 and bring the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements and traffic signs up to current standards. The proposed project is needed to address the number and severity of collisions that are leaving the roadway and/or crossing the centerline and striking vehicles traveling in the opposite direction. The existing ITS elements and the traffic signs are not up to current standards.

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 and Section 15301 Existing Facilities
[] Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:
The project proposes minor alterations to the existing freeway, loop detectors, peizos, telephone demarcation cabinets, and traffic signs. The proposed project would not expand the existing use of the public facility.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Richard Putler Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-5286

- 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: Richard Putler Date: 6-25-19 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

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

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code
Date Received for filing at OPP

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-TUL-65 0.0/R9.3 & R14.07/R15.10 06-0X040 0618000013
 06-TUL-190 8.0/14.96 & 18.07/26.54
 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M./P.M. E.A/Project No. Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

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.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a safety project along State Route (SR) 65 between Post Miles (PM) 0.0/R9.3 and PM R14.07/R15.10. The proposed project is also located on SR 190 between PM 8.0/14.96 and PM 18.70/26.54. The project would install shoulder and centerline rumble strips, loop detectors, peizos, and modify telephone demarcation cabinets at various locations within the project limits. The proposed project would also remove and replace 87 single and 22 double post signs and their wooden posts. All the work would occur within Caltrans' right-of-way. See next page.

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].)]

Richard Putler

Judy Aguilar-Luna

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

Richard Putler
Signature

6-13-19
Date

Judy Aguilar-Luna
Signature

6/13/19
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)(27)
 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.

Richard Putler

Judy Aguilar-Luna

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6-13-19 Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/13/2019

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Continuation Sheet

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The proposed project is needed to address the number and severity of collisions that are leaving the roadway and/or crossing the centerline and striking vehicles traveling in the opposite direction. The Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements within the project limits are at risk of being damaged during construction and the existing traffic signs are not up to current standards. These items are considered a Roadside Facility pursuant to Deputy Directive (DD-103) "Worker and Travelers Safety on the State Highway System." The purpose of this project is to improve the safety along segments of SR 65 and SR 190 and bring the ITS elements and traffic signs up to current standards.

The proposed project would include the following Standard Special Provisions (SSP):

- SSP 14-11.12 'Remove Yellow Traffic Stripe and Pavement Marking with Hazardous Waste Residue': This SSP requires proper management of hazardous waste residue and a lead compliance plan.
- SSP 84-9.03C 'Remove Traffic Stripes and Pavement Markings Containing Lead': This SSP requires a lead compliance plan when removing non-hazardous residue.
- SSP 14-11.14 'Treated Wood Waste': This SSP manages any treated wood waste produced from the proposed project.

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