

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 2
1657 Riverside Drive
Redding, CA 96001
(Address)

Project Title: X-Lite Replacement (EA 02-0J420)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

Please see attached Categorical Exemption/Categorical Exclusion Determination Form for detailed list.

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: VAR

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Based on the field performance all X-Lite guardrail terminals will be replaced with an American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (ASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) approved terminal and will receive the same aesthetic treatment (e.g. Natina) as the underlying guardrail.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards for public safety.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Emiliano Pro Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 225-3174

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: [Signature] Date: 6/26/19 Title: Enviro. Branch Chief

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 OPR:

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JUN 26 2019
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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

02-VAR-VAR Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	VAR/VAR P.M./P.M.	02-0J420 E.A/Project No.	EFIS: 0219000117 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.)

Based on the field performance of the X-Lite guardrail end terminals (X-Lite Terminal), Caltrans will be replacing all existing X-lite Terminals. The X-Lite Terminals will be replaced with an American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (ASHTO) Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) approved terminal and will receive the same aesthetic treatment (e.g. Natina) as the underlying Metal Beam Guardrail (MBGR) and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS).

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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].)]

Emiliano Pro
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Lance Brown
Print Name/Project Manager

Signature: *[Signature]*

Date: 6/10/19

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 6/25/19

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)
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)
- Activity pending

23 USC 327: The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327 and the Federal Register notice published in the Federal Register on 11/19/18. The project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016.

Not applicable

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:

Date of ECR or equivalent : 6/10/2019

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

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Continuation Sheet

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Construction Activities: The scope of work includes traffic control and the replacement of existing terminal systems (22 locations - see below). This may include vegetation removal and installation of vegetation control, replacement of asphalt concrete dike, replacement of drains, and incidental work.

County	Route	PM	Direction of Travel	(Median, shoulder, ramp)
TRI	299	49.80	EB	Shld
TRI	299	49.77	EB	Shld
TRI	299	49.46	WB	Shld
TRI	299	49.35	EB	Shld
TRI	299	39.39	EB	Shld
TRI	299	39.20	EB	Shld
TRI	3	0.52	SB	Shld
LAS	395	64.35	NB	Shld
LAS	139	55.85	NB	Shld
LAS	139	55.85	SB	Shld
LAS	139	55.90	NB	Shld
LAS	139	55.90	SB	Shld
SIS	5	68.30	EB	Ramp
SHA	5	22.41	EB	Shld
SHA	5	24.80	WB	Shld
SHA	5	24.80	EB	Shld
SHA	5	26.035	WB	Shld
SHA	5	26.035	NB	Shld
SHA	5	39.05	SB	Shld
TEH	5	24.87	WB	Shld
SHA	44	14.23	EB	Shld
SHA	44	47.60	EB	Shld

Staging: Temporary staging locations for vehicles, equipment, and temporary stockpiling of materials would be located at publicly utilized pullouts adjacent to the highway.

Borrow/Disposal Areas: No borrow or disposal areas are required.

Right-of-Way: No additional ROW acquisition is required.

Consultation/Agency Coordination: Caltrans has performed a review of resource records and databases and consultation and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals.

Permits: Based on the proposed scope of work no regulatory permits are required.

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