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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): CA Department of Transportation
North Region Environmental Management
1656 Union Street, Eureka, CA 95501
(Address)

Project Title: Trinidad CAPM

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

Along U.S. Highway 101 (US 101) near Trinidad from 1.3 miles south of School Road to .04 mile north of Big Lagoon Bridge.

Project Location - City: McKinleyville Project Location - County: Humboldt

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to preserve the drivability and serviceability of this section of US 101.

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

This maintenance project will take place on the existing facility. All work is within state right of way. This project is exempt because it will not have significant impacts to the environment or to cultural or historic properties.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Cassie Nichols Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 707-441-4570

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: Cassie Nichols Date: 07/08/2019 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

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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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

01-HUM-101 90.1/109.6 01-0F820
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.)

This project proposes to replace failing hot mix asphalt (HMA) (0.33' digouts) and apply a 0.15' gap graded rubberized hot mix asphalt (RHMA-G) overlay from edge of pavement (EP) to EP along U.S. Highway 101 (US 101) near Trinidad from 1.3 miles south of School Road to .04 mile north of Big Lagoon Bridge, including entrance and exit ramps, Clam Beach Vista Point, and a park-and-ride facility within the project limits.

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].)]

Dana York

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature: Dana York

Date: 7/18/2019

Jen Buck

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature: Jen Buck

Date: 7/18/2019

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) (26)
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.

Dana York

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature: Dana York

Date: 7/18/2019

Jen Buck

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature: Jen Buck

Date: 7/18/2019

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 07/01/2019

Date of ECR or equivalent: 07/01/2019

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Continuation Sheet

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Two partially functioning continuous Vehicle Classification Stations (VCS) will be upgraded to fully functional status. Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) dike will be removed and replaced as required and existing pavement delineation will be replaced. The purpose of this project is to preserve the drivability and serviceability of this section of US 101. This project is needed as the portion of Route 101 contains alligator cracking and surface rutting and is degrading such that Highway Maintenance programs are inadequate to preserve the existing roadway. All work will be conducted within the existing Caltrans right of way.

Project Requirements:

Air, biological, cultural, noise, visual, water quality, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed by qualified specialists and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below. A Coastal Development permit waiver is expected.

- The Programmatic Letter of Concurrence with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, work windows for both Marbled Murrelet (MAMU) and Northern Spotted Owl (NSO) would be implemented for all work north of the Little River Bridge (post mile [PM] 97.50).
 - No noise above 90 decibels Feb 1-August 5.
 - No noise above 100 decibels (20 dB above ambient) August 5-Sept 15 from 2 hours pre-sunset and post-sunrise.
- No pile driving will occur along Big Lagoon (post miles 108.4-109.6).
- Temporary parking of work vehicles and storage of equipment or materials will be on existing pavement, existing gravel areas, and specified areas within the existing Caltrans right of way.
- Any potentially sensitive environmental areas will be designated on construction specifications/plans, and/or protected during construction with High Visibility Temporary Fencing (HVTF).
- Concrete vegetation control under guardrail will be colored.
- Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL), which is commonly found in all highway shoulders, may be at a level that requires special handling of excess material. This will be addressed with Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K (6)(j)(iii) EARTH MATERIAL CONTAINING LEAD and a Lead Compliance Plan.
- Treated Wood Waste (TWW) will be generated from guard rail removal. This can be addressed with SSP 14-11.14 TREATED WOOD WASTE management in the construction contract and a TWW disposal contract item.
- Thermoplastic stripe grinding or removal will be addressed with SSP 36-4 CONTAINING LEAD FROM PAINT AND THERMOPLASTIC and a Lead Compliance Plan contract item.

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