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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: - N/A-

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton, CA, 95205

(Address)

Project Title: State Route 132 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:
On State Route 132 in the city of Waterford, in Stanislaus County. The project starts at South Reinway Avenue and ends on F Street.

Project Location - City: Waterford Project Location - County: Stanislaus

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of the project is to improve the accessibility of pedestrian facilities and to bring existing pedestrian facilities in compliance with current ADA standards.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15310, Class 1 (d)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
This project is not anticipated to affect any sensitive species or their habitat, any cultural or scenic routes, or any other environmentally sensitive sources.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Kayla Lopez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-932-2358

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7/14/19 Title: 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 OPR:

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

10/STA/132 27.21-28.01 10-1G420 10-1700-0013
 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 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) safety improvements for pedestrian facilities along State Route 132 (SR 132) in the city of Waterford between South Reinway Avenue and F Street in Stanislaus County. The purpose of the project is to provide users of all abilities with safe, adequate, and ADA-compliant facilities. The project is needed as the existing facilities do not comply with current ADA standards and do not meet the need of mobility-limited users. Project work includes installing/upgrading sidewalks, curbs, and gutters. Additional right-of-way and temporary construction easements are needed for the project.

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 C. (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].)]

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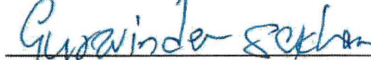
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief


 Signature

4/16/19
 Date

Gurwinder Sekhon

Print Name: Project Manager


 Signature

4/16/19
 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) (15)
- 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


 Signature

4/16/19
 Date

Gurwinder Sekhon

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer


 Signature

4/16/19
 Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 4/16/2019

Date of ECR or equivalent : 2/5/2019 Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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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