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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
855 M Street, Suite 200
Fresno, Ca. 93721

(Address) 06-0X670

Project Title: Tulare County Bridge Maintenance

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific:
On State Routes: 63/65/99/190 & 198 at Bridge's : 46-0210, 46-025(R,L), 46-0182L, 46-0190E, 46-0225, 46-0158, 46-0215E and 46-0061.

Project Location - City: Porterville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
Maintain existing roadway and extend the life of the pavement. The scope of work includes treating bridge decks with methacrylate, placing polyester concrete overlays, repairing an abutment, constructing a new wingwall and replacing joint seals.

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: Class II Section 15302
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities on the same site having substantially the same purpose and capacity.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Shane Gunn Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6310

- 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: 7/25/19 Title: Sr Env Planner

[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: JULY 25 2019

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-TUL-VAR	VAR/VAR	06-0X670	
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.)

Caltrans proposes a bridge maintenance project involving 9 bridges located throughout Tulare County. The purpose of the project is to maintain the existing roadway and extend the life of the pavement of the identified bridges. The scope of work includes treating bridge decks with methacrylate, placing polyester concrete overlays, repairing an abutment, constructing a new wingwall and replacing joint seals. The specific repairs for each structures is identified on the table on page 2.

**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 (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].)]

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

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) (2)  
 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.

Shane Gunn

Maryam Rastegar

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer



7/24/19



7/25/19

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 7/25/19

Date of ECR or equivalent : 7/25/19

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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State Route	PM	Description	Bridge No.	Work Description
65	R5.12	White River	46-0210	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
65	18.72	Tule River	46-0259R	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, place new 1-inch minimum depth polyester concrete overlay, remove existing joint seals, clean expansion joint and place new joint seals, treat cracking and place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs.
65	18.72	Tule River	46-0259L	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, place new 1-inch minimum depth polyester concrete overlay, remove existing joint seals, clean expansion joints and place new joint seals, treat cracking and place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs.
65	23.43	Friant-Kern Canal	46-0182L	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
190	0.01	Route 190/99 Separation	46-0190E	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, place new 1" minimum depth polyester concrete overlay.
190	R15.21	Route 190/65 Separation	46-0225	Remove chip seal by micro-milling, prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, repair the settlement at Abutment 3 approach.
99	27.6	Paige Road OC	46-0158	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, remove existing joint seals, clean expansion joints and place new Type-A joint seals at both abutments.
63	L7.96	Route 63/198 Separation	46-0215E	Prepare concrete bridge deck surface and treat bridge deck with methacrylate, place new 1" minimum depth polyester concrete overlay. The sidewalks are excluded from the overlaid area.
198	R12.72	Packwood Creek	46-0061	Remove existing Type-2 barrier railing and construct new concrete barrier Type-842, remove existing wingwall and section of roadway approach, construct new wingwall and new section of roadway approach, construct new footing for concrete barrier Type-842, paint bridge identification, replace asphalt concrete (AC) Roadway

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