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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation
100 S. Main St., Suite 100, MS 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

County Clerk
County of: Ventura

(Address)

Project Title: Culvert Failure

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

SR-150 in downtown Ojai in Ventura County. Postmile 17.94.

Project Location - City: Ojai Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Director's Order project to replace damaged drainage pipes and pavement.

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 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project improves the operation of the existing public transportation facility and is within the State's right-of-way.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Christopher Laurel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-897-3616

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: 9/12/19 Title: Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [X] 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:
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

07-VEN-150	17.94	1XN50	EFIS: 072000006
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 is proposing to repair and replace damaged drainage pipes and pavement on State Route 150 (VEN-150) post mile 17.94, in Ventura County due to a Director's Order Request. VEN-150 within the project limits consists of a median lane for turning movement and a through lane with street parking in each direction. The proposed work would replace a corroded Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) with reinforced concrete pipe (RCP), line the undamaged CMP, reconstruct damaged AC pavement, restripe pavement, relocate the unidentified pipe, and perform other repairs as needed.

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

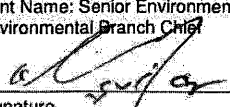

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

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].)]

Eduardo Aguilar	Ali Z. Loffi
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief	Print Name: Project Manager
	
Signature	Signature
9/12/19	9/12/2019
Date	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)(___)
- 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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief	Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer
	
Signature	Signature
Date	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A Date of ECR or equivalent : 9/11/19

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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Cultural Resources:

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Hazardous Waste

- The contractor shall prepare a project specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead in the soil in accordance with the standard specifications for all work in unpaved areas. NSSP 14-11.09 must be submitted to HQ OEE for approval before work commences.
- If imported borrow is required, the imported borrow shall be clean fill material from a commercial source. SSP 6-1.03 shall be included in the PS&E package.
- The contractor shall conduct air monitoring for TPHg and MTBE for excavations west of Drown Ave. If groundwater is encountered and dewatering is performed or water is removed from the work area, the contractor must containerize, test, and dispose of water at an appropriate disposal facility.
- SSP 14-11.14 shall be included in the PS&E package for removal of yellow thermoplastic and painted striping.
- The handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of treated wood waste are subject to California regulations in accordance with SSP 14-11.14.

Biology

- Should the scope of work change for any reason, the Division of Environmental Planning must be notified in order to re-evaluate the findings of environmental studies.
- In the unlikely event that vegetation control work is needed, work must be scheduled outside of bird nesting season (February 15 to September 1). Nesting bird surveys must be conducted by the project biologist prior to the start of construction. If a nesting bird is found in the project impact area, construction activity will be halted, and a Caltrans biologist will be notified.