



CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

01-HUM-101 District-County-Route	57.1/67.8 P.M./P.M.	01-0G610 E.A./Project No.	0117000027 Federal-Aid Project Number
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, and right-of-way requirements.)			
<p>The proposed project would remove vegetated strips within the median and replace with permeable pavement, and modify existing median drainage inlets (DI) on Route 101 between post miles (PM) 57.1 and 67.8 in Humboldt County. The project is being proposed to increase roadside safety by reducing the need for vegetation management and to increase the ability for motorists to recover safely from potential collisions. Work would include paving portions of unpaved median, replacement of DI grates, and constructing depressed DI paving aprons around the DIs. All work would occur within the State right of way. Biological, cultural, visual, water quality, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed. CD</p> <p align="center">See next page for additional project information.</p>			
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency <input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class1(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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by General Rule. [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].)]			
<u>Jason Meyer</u> Environmental Branch Chief		<u>Jeffrey Pimentel</u> Project Manager	
<i>Jason Meyer</i>	5/7/2020		5/7/20
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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(27)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(__)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity __ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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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<i>Jason Meyer</i>	5/7/2020		5/7/20
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 5/7/2020		Date of ECR or equivalent: 10/14/19	

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The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- The following BMPs from the Caltrans Construction Site BMP Manual (Caltrans 2017a) are anticipated to be incorporated into the approved project SWPPP:
 - Existing vegetation will be removed to the minimum extent necessary to facilitate the proposed work (SS-2).
 - Temporary drainage inlet protection methods such as gravel bags will be deployed to prevent sediment and other pollutants from entering drainage systems (SC-10).
 - Perimeter control devices such as fiber rolls, compost socks, and silt fences will be utilized to prevent sediment transport from the project site (SC-6, SC-09).
 - Concrete washout facilities, re-fueling areas, as well as equipment and storage areas should be covered and located away from drainage inlets and waterways to prevent both stormwater and non-stormwater discharges (WM-3, WM-8, NS-9).
 - Paving, and sealing operations will be conducted to avoid and minimize the discharge of pollutants to receiving waters (NS-3).
 - Spill prevention and control practices (WM-4).
 - Additional BMPs will also likely be incorporated in the approved project SWPPP during the construction phase of the project to address BMPs for specific items of work.
- At minimum, it will be required to include SSP 7-1.0K(6)(j)(iii) EARTH MATERIALS CONTAINING LEAD and a lead compliance plan.
- During construction noise may be generated from the contractors' equipment and vehicles. Caltrans requires the Contractor to conform to the provisions of SSP, 14-8.02 "Noise Control" which states "Control and monitor noise from work activities." And "Do not exceed 86 dBA LMax at 50 feet from the job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m."
- Standard measures and BMPs regarding concrete waste as outlined in SSP, 13-4.03D would be implemented.