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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 6
855 M Street, Fresno Ca 93721

County Clerk _____

County of: _____

Project Title: I-5 to Kerman Rumble Strip (06-0Y420)

Project Applicant: Caltrans

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on State Route 145 south of the City of Kerman and northeast of the City of Coalinga in Fresno County from post mile (PM) 0.0 to PM 33.63.

Project Location - City: South of City of Kerman Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The California Department of Transportation proposes to construct centerline and shoulder rumble strips south of the City of Kerman and northeast of the City of Coalinga in Fresno County. The project is located on State Route 145 from post mile (PM) 0.0 to PM 33.63. The project proposes to construct centerline rumble strips from PM 0.0 to PM 13.21 and PM 26.09 to PM 29.10. Centerline and shoulder rumble strips will be constructed from PM 13.21 to PM 20.28 and from PM 29.10 to PM 33.63. In addition, 2 feet of pavement grinding (cold planing) and pavement replacement along the centerline from PM 0.0 to PM 6.0 to a depth of 0.25 foot are proposed. The project also consists of grinding and replacing a 50-foot-long and 24-foot-wide asphalt concrete section to a depth of 0.25 foot at the following locations: PM 0.24, PM 13.47, PM 26.22, PM 30.03, PM 30.19 and PM 33.57. Secondary items include removal of approach guardrails and construction of crash cushions, metal beam guardrail replacement, installation of ITS elements, and sign panel replacement.

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301, Class 1 (c) Existing Highways
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project is exempt because it falls under section 15301, existing facilities class 1 (c) and involves minor alteration to an existing highway and no expansion of an existing use. The minor alterations consist of constructing centerline and shoulder rumble strips, cold planning and secondary items described above in project description. Furthermore, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Som Phongsavanh Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6447

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: Jeff Earsen for SP Date: 6/8/2020 Title: Senior Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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: Jun 08 2020

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**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE-145

PM/PM: 0.0/33.63

EA: 06-0Y420

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

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- 1) Removing existing approach guardrails and construct crash cushions at all four corners of Stinson Canal culvert crossing at PM 17.18.
- 2) Replacing existing Metal Beam Guardrails with Midwest Guardrail System at the following locations: a) approach rails at Crescent Ditch (PM 15.6) and b) an overhead sign near Double D Ranch (PM 1.7).
- 3) Installing Intelligent Transportation System boxes at the following locations: PM 0.24, PM 10.17, PM 10.45, PM 13.12, PM 13.47, PM 20.24, PM 26.22, PM 30.03, PM 30.19 and PM 33.57.
- 4) Upgrading existing panels for 245 signs within the project limits.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety within the project limits. The project is needed to address the number and severity of collisions related to roadway departure and head-on impacts. All work will be within the state right-of-way.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

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

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** 15301 Existing Facilities (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the 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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Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Som Phongsavanh

Print Name

Signature

6/5/2020

Date

Project Manager

Judy Aguilar

Print Name

Signature

06/05/2020

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans 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). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[X] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

[X] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(27)

[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

[] Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Som Phongsavanh

Print Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

6/5/2020

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Judy Aguilar

Print Name

[Handwritten Signature]

Signature

06/05/2020

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6/3/2020

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/2/2020



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Continuation sheet:

Biology

The following measures will be implemented to make sure that no impacts occur:

- A Worker Environmental Awareness Training will be required for all construction personal prior to initiation of construction activities.
- If construction occurs during the nesting season (February 1st thru September 30 then a preconstruction nesting bird survey will need to be completed prior to construction.
- A 100-foot buffer shall be established around active migratory bird nests.
- If an active raptor nest is observed, then a 500-foot protective buffer shall be established around the nest until the young have fledged. No staging or parking areas within the 500-foot buffers.
- If it is necessary to encroach into the 500-foot buffer, then monitoring and coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife may be necessary.
- Once staging areas are identified, Caltrans Biology will have to clear potential locations prior to construction.
- Caltrans Biology requires that the Resident Engineer provide Caltrans Biology a notice at least two weeks prior to the start of construction activities to conduct pre-construction surveys and implement any needed avoidance and minimization measures.

Hazardous Waste

The following standard specifications are required:

- 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) – Lead Compliance Plan
- 14-11.14 – Treated Wood Waste
- 36-4 – Residue containing lead from paint and thermoplastic (grindings)