



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

**Project Information**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-HUM-101

**PM/PM:** 77.3

**EA:** 01-0K100

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

D1 SHOP Paving Maintenance Project. See attached continuation sheet for project description and details

**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** Enter class. (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].)

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

<b>James McIntosh</b>	<i>James McIntosh</i>	6-26-2020
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

<b>Kristina Walker</b>	<i>KW</i>	29 June 2020
Print Name	Signature	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:

- 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:
- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)
- Activity Enter activity number 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

N/A Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/25/2020

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

**D1 SHOP Paving Maintenance Project  
EA 01-0K100  
California Department of Transportation**

***Project Description***

Caltrans proposes a state funded maintenance project in Humboldt County at the District 1 Maintenance shop located near post miles (PM) 77.3 and Highway 101 in Eureka, California.

The purpose and need for this project are to replace failing asphalt at the District 1 Shop to ensure worker safety at the existing facility. Work will consist of cold plane AC pavement, overlaying with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) – Type A - to a depth of 0.25 feet, replacing HMA dike, placing imported borrow behind dike, repairing structural section with crack treatment, fog sealing existing pavement, adjusting utility frame covers to grade, replacing pavement delineation, repairing/replacing the concrete parking bumpers, and replacing the gate loops (in the pavement). All work will be within the existing State right of way. The HMA overlay will be confined to existing edge of pavement. No Construction Area Signs or Portable Changeable Message Signs will be required for this project. There will be no tree removal.

Typical equipment expected for this project potentially include Misc. PU Trucks, Trailers, Water Buffalo trailer, Pavers, Rollers, Bobcat w/misc. attachments (i.e. grinder, saw cut blade), Backhoe, Dump trucks, viberplate or jumping jack, tack or crack seal trailer- hot pot, Dike machine if applicable, and small hand wheeler or truck striping machine.

The project activities will occur over a duration of approximately 20 working days, may occur during day and/or nighttime, and are expected to be constructed in the year 2020.

***Traffic Control***

The contractor would be required to comply with Caltrans 2018 plans and specs, and to obtain an encroachment permit from the County of Humboldt or the city of Eureka to address any shoulder and/or lane closures.

***Sediment and Erosion Control***

The contractor will be required to implement all applicable measures within the contract including Caltrans's 2018 Standard Specifications and Plans.



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### *Environmental Analysis*

#### **Aesthetic/Visual**

A Visual Impact Assessment level questionnaire was completed on April 13, 2020. The project will result in minimal negative visual changes to the environment and will impacts will be less than significant.

**Air Quality/Noise/Greenhouse Gas** conducted on February 26, 2020. According to the assessment, the project is a Type III project that will not cause an increase in operational or long-term impacts on air quality, noise, or GHGs, but will have construction related (short-term) impacts. Generation of short-term construction related noise, and the generation of short-term construction air emissions of fugitive dust and exhaust from construction equipment are to be controlled and reduced through the use of the 2018 standard specifications (e.g. Section 14-9). Additionally, the project will not generate operational GHG emissions, and would implement GHG reduction or avoidance measures (standard BMPs) where feasible to reduce construction GHG emissions. Therefore, project impacts are compliant with all applicable plans and will be less-than-significant. Lastly, the project would not contribute to a cumulatively considerable impact.

#### **Biological Resources**

A Biological Resources Evaluation Memo was completed by Caltrans Biologist on May 11, 2020. The memo concluded the project will have no impact or take on any federal or state listed threatened, endangered or sensitive species of concerns and will have no impact to designated critical habitat.

#### **Cultural Resources**

A screening memo was completed by Caltrans Professionally Qualified Staff on April 28, 2020. Based on the scope of the construction activities, these undertakings have no potential to affect historic properties.

#### **Hazardous Waste**

An electronic Initial Site Assessment (ISA) was completed by Caltrans on March 5, 2020. Based on the review, minor hazardous waste/materials will be encountered within project limits. Additionally, the ISA noted that the project work site is on the *Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (Cortese List)* due to Caltrans Maintenance Yard Underground storage tanks. However, since there are no anticipated excavations that would affect these tanks, and the remedial action for the former Caltrans Maintenance Yard underground storage tanks has been completed, a *No Further Action* notification by the County of Humboldt Department of Public Health Division of Environmental Health was issued. Furthermore, minor hazardous waste/materials are routine construction issues that will be managed in the construction contract through standard BMPs and the inclusion of any Special Standard Provisions (SSPs). As a result, the project will not have any impacts related to hazardous waste and will be less-than-significant.



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### **Other Environmental Resources**

All work will be conducted within Caltrans's right of way. Recreational facilities are not present. A water quality assessment checklist was completed and concluded that the project is exempt from a water quality assessment. The project is out of coastal jurisdiction and implementation of Standard BMPs and standard measures will ensure there are no impacts to environmental resources. The project qualifies for a Common-Sense exemption under 14 CCR § 15061 – Review for Exemption and is not subject to further CEQA review.

### ***Permits***

- Encroachment Permit – City of Eureka or Humboldt County