

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
County Clerk
County of: Calaveras

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 10
1976 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Stockton CA 95337

Project Title: 10-1J130: Calaveras-Alpine HMA Overlay

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
CAL-4-R58.0/R65.9, ALP-207-0.0/1.4

Project Location - City: Big Meadows Project Location - County: CAL

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to overlay a 0.15' of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) overlay on State Route (SR)-4 in Calaveras County from postmile (PM) R58.0 to R56.9 and on SR-207 in Alpine County from PM 0.0 to 1.4. Construction would occur on existing paved surfaces and improved shoulder areas within Caltrans right of way. The purpose of this project is to prevent further deterioration of the paved highway surface. The need for this project is to extend the service life of the existing pavement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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: S. 15301 Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

Project will not affect any sensitive species or their habitat, any cultural or scenic resources, or any other environmentally sensitive resources.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Elizabeth Hummel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-948-3825

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: Elizabeth Hummel Date: 08/19/2020 Title: Associate Environmental Planner

Signed by Lead Agency 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

Aug 19 2020

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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

**Project Information**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 10 - CAL,ALP - 4,207      **PM/PM:** R58.0/R65.9, 0.0/1.4

**EA:** 10-1J130      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 1018000136

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes an overlay project at two locations in District 10. Location 1 is in Calaveras County on SR-4 from post mile R58.0 to post mile R65.9. Location 2 is in Alpine County on SR-207 from post mile 0.0 to post mile 1.4. The scope of work includes: digging out failed pavement, backfilling with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), cold planing, replacing guardrails, placing shoulder backing, and installing rumble strips. All work will occur within Caltrans right of way. The purpose of this project is to repair sections of failing pavement and bring the roadway components up to current standards. This project is needed to extend the service lives of SR-4 and SR-207 and to ensure motorist safety when traveling on these roadways.

**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.** (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**

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Print Name

*Karimsh Juma*

Signature

08/14/2020

Date

**Project Manager**

Jason Miller

Print Name

*Jason Miller*

Signature

8/14/2020

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:

[ ] 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 action 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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

#### **General:**

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

#### **Cultural:**

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
  1. Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery
  2. Protect the discovery area
  3. Notify the EngineerThe Department investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At that time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

#### **Hazardous Waste:**

- The Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) pertaining to Earth Material Containing Lead, 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii), must be added to the construction contract.
- The project will require the removal of traffic striping and pavement markings, which may contain hazardous concentrations of lead. The Caltrans SSP 14-11.12 must be added to the construction contract.

No permits required for this project.