



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 05-MON-1

PM/PM: 64.33

EA: 05-1K700

Project Number: 0518000231

Project Description: In Monterey County on Route 1 near Carmel at Granite Canyon Bridge (Br No. 44-0012). Caltrans has determined that the Granite Canyon Bridge is subject to active corrosion due to contamination of the structural concrete. The concrete is laden with chloride due to continual exposure to salt laden fog typical for this coastal area. The significant chloride concentration is causing active section loss of the reinforcing steel. Delay in the preventive maintenance repairs may worsen the condition of the bridge to the point where rehabilitation or replacement would be warranted. The proposed Bridge Preventative Maintenance work consist of repairing concrete spalls, removing chloride contamination from the reinforcing steel and concrete, installing zinc anodes and seal the bridge concrete to preserve the structure and impede further corrosion. It is anticipated that, with the exception of the initial scaffolding touchdown points, all work will be conducted from the roadway and scaffolding system and will take approximately 1 year to complete.

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].)

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (N/A)

The proposed preventative maintenance work has been reviewed to ensure compliance with applicable State Environmental regulations. Caltrans Standard Specifications, along with the measures listed below, will be implemented.

Cultural Resources – Pursuant to PRC 5024 MOU Stipulation X.B.1.b., Caltrans made a finding of No Adverse Effect with Standard Conditions – SOIS. Restoration of the bridge will be conducted in accordance with the Secretary of Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. See attached SOIS Action Plan (June, 2019) for complete details.

Biological Resources – The following *Standard Special Provision 14-6.02 and 14-6.06: Species Protection* will be implemented:

- Caltrans will ensure that all construction activities avoid effects to the Smith’s blue butterfly.
- If stands of buckwheat are encountered avoid until a qualified biologist is on site to establish the location of ESA fencing to protect seacliff buckwheat habitat
- Before work begins, a biologist will provide worker awareness training on protected species.
- Clearing and grubbing California sagebrush scrub is prohibited in the areas for staging or access.
- All work will cease within 1000 feet of the California condors. The Resident Engineer and District Biologist will be notified immediately.

Permits:

Coastal Development Permit Exemption is anticipated.

Governor’s Office of Planning & Research

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