

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-SAC-99 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	VAR P.M./P.M.	03-0H480 E.A/Project No.	0315000198 Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)			
<p>Need: The Pavement Condition Survey for this section of roadway has an overall PCS/PMS priority number 3, which characterized it as having minor pavement distress and acceptable ride. Also, to improve merging/weaving areas to reduce congestion. Per the Corridor System Management Plan (CSMP), there are high peak commute period vehicular demands, creating substantial traffic delays, and operational issues.</p> <p>Purpose: To preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement and improve quality, and to improve merging and weaving operations on SR 99. The addition of auxiliary lanes will reduce upstream congestion by improving downstream merging/weaving.</p> <p>Description: This project proposes to improve SR 99 at PM 0.0/1.6 and 11.9/21.5 in Sacramento County. Scope of work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install and remove temporary construction area signs • Cold plan existing pavement to remove existing gap or open-graded asphalt • Dig-out and repair locations of sever failure in the shoulder and traveled way. • Seal cracks wider than .25 inches. • Overlay rubberized hot mx asphalt. • Remove and replace existing pavement delineation. • Upgrade pedestrian facilities at the ramp termini to meet current ADA standards. • Repair or replace bridge approach slabs on main line (not overcrossing). • Reset or upgrade metal beam guardrail. • Replace loop detectors and shoulder rumble strips. • Add auxiliary lanes at 5 locations. 			
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. Class 1. (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"/> 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].)]			
<u>Kelly McNally</u> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief <i>Kelly McNally</i> Signature		Digitally signed by Kelly McNally Date: 2020.04.15 13:10:18 -07'00' Date	
		<u>Nawid Nessar</u> Print Name: Project Manager <i>Nawid Nessar</i> Signature	
		04/15/2020 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)(<u>26</u>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(<u> </u>)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity <u> </u> 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.			
<u>Kelly McNally</u> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief <i>Kelly McNally</i> Signature		Digitally signed by Kelly McNally Date: 2020.04.15 13:10:44 -07'00' Date	
		<u>Nawid Nessar</u> Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer <i>Nawid Nessar</i> Signature	
		04/15/2020 Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 04/10/2020		Date of ECR or equivalent : 12/05/2019	

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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Pot holing may be required for utility verification at the curb ramp improvements. Major excavation, excess soil, utility relocation and/or R/W Acquisition anticipated.

Auxiliary lanes:

The proposed auxiliary lanes will reduce traffic congestion by reducing weaving of traffic and will enhance traffic flow through this corridor. Caltrans Traffic Operations has identified the need for two southbound and three northbound auxiliary lanes and is prioritized as follows:

1. SR-99 Southbound Calvine Road / Cosumnes River Boulevard to Sheldon Road
2. SR-99 Southbound Laguna Boulevard / Bond Road to Elk Grove Boulevard
3. SR-99 Northbound Sheldon Road to Calvine Road / Cosumnes River Blvd
4. SR-99 Northbound Laguna Boulevard / Bond Road to Sheldon Road
5. SR-99 Northbound Elk Grove Boulevard to Laguna Boulevard / Bond Road

Environmental Commitments:

- SSP 36-4 If yellow paint or yellow thermoplastic paint will be removed while grinding the entire pavement surface and the project will not require the paint or thermoplastic paint to be removed before grinding begins.
- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) If Lead in Soil – Low levels of lead from historical combustion of leaded fuel is commonly associated with the highway system. To address the issue SSP 7-1.02K should be included in the final project PS&E and listing packages.
- SSP14-11.14 If Treated Wood Waste will be generated during this project SSP 14-11.14 should be included in the final project PS&E and listing packages