



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-BUT-32

PM/PM: 30.8/31.0

EA: 03-0J700

Federal-Aid Project Number: 03-2000-0004

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to maintain public safety and ride quantity on State Route (SR) 32 in Butte County, between Post Miles (PM) 30.8 to 31.0, due to historical records of slides occurring prior to and multiple embankment slip-out occurring during and after construction of SR-32. The purpose of this project is to permanently mitigate the progression of the recurring roadway slip-out failures and to restore the roadway to safe riding conditions.

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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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:

- [x] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(27)
[] 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.

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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Christopher Ladeas (Print Name), Christopher S Ladeas (Signature), 10/13/20 (Date)

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 9/16/2020
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/12/2020

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:

Scope of work:

The project proposes to permanently mitigate the progression of the recurring roadway slip-out failures and to restore the roadway to safe riding conditions within the Caltrans Right-of-Way on State Route 32 in Butte County.

Staging

- The staging area is identified in the current project plan, which is within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The project is expecting to generate approximately 13,900 CY of excess material, which will be relinquished to the contractor for disposal. No borrow would be required.

Right-of-Way

- All work will occur within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Consultation/Coordination

- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits

- No environmental permits will be required.

Utility

- The work will not require any utility relocation.