



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03/PLA/49

PM/PM: 2.39

EA: 03-1J570

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0321000008

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a standardized pedestrian passage comprised of curb ramps, crosswalk, and sidewalk on State Route (SR) 49 at PM 2.39 (the intersection of Route 49 and Lincoln Way to the west of East Auburn UP). The absence of a crosswalk at the existing SR 49/Lincoln Way Intersection on the west of East Auburn Underpass (UP) presents safety concerns to roadway users at the intersection. The purpose of this proposed project is to improve pedestrian passage at the intersection and to relieve the roadway users from their concerns.

The construction of the curb ramps and sidewalks will disturb the existing ground and roadway within the proximity of the UP abutment and the existing fire hydrant at the corner of the intersection. The roadway within the proximity of the proposed pedestrian passage will be widened and/or grinded and/or overlaid, and then, re-stripped to provide a crosswalk to facilitate proper traffic operations. A temporary easement will be needed for the work outside of State R/W. Nightwork is highly likely. Currently, there is no utility relocation as part of the project scope.

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

for	Cara Lambirth	<i>Douglas Bortz</i>	10/30/20
	Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager



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Yashaswi Valluripalli

Print Name

Yashaswi Valluripalli

Signature

10/30/2020

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:

[X] 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)(3)

[] 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

for Cara Lambirth Print Name Douglas Bortz Signature 10/30/2020 Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Yashaswi Valluripalli Print Name Yashaswi Valluripalli Signature 10/30/2020 Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 10/20/2020 Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/20/2020

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:

Staging

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

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.