



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

**Project Information**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 02-VAR-VAR

**PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:** 02-1J760

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0220000125

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funds only, proposes a project to improve safety and traffic operations at various locations in Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas and Shasta counties. Continued on page 2

**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

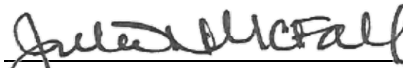
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- 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**

Julie McFall

Print Name

  
 Signature

10/20/2020

Date

**Project Manager**

Michael Webb

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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 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**

NA

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Print Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

NA

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:** NA

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 10/7/2020

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:**

#### **Project Description:**

Construction activities would include the removal and replacement of pavement markers at the following locations:

- Shasta County
  - State Route (SR) 44 - Postmile (PM) 45.2/47.0 & PM 51.4/62.5
- Butte County
  - SR 70 – PM 32.7 to PM 48.0
- Plumas County
  - SR 70 – PM 0.0 to PM 10.0
- Lassen County
  - SR 395 – PM 5.5 to PM 24.0 & PM 98.25 to PM 115.0 & 128.0
- Modoc County
  - SR 395 – PM 0.0 to PM 20.0

All work would take place within the traveled way. It is anticipated that construction activities would take approximately 30 working days to complete.

#### **Staging:**

Temporary staging of equipment and materials would occur at the following locations:

##### Shasta County – SR 44

- PM 45.0 (gravel pullout)
- PM 46.7 (gravel pull out)
- PM 51.5 (gravel pull out)
- PM 62.5 (Hat Creek maintenance station)

##### Plumas County – SR 70

- PM 9.0 (Chambers Creek gravel pull out)

##### Lassen County – SR 395

- PM 98.36 (gravel pull out)
- PM 115.3 (Termo sand house)
- PM 129.3/129.4 (gravel pull out)
- PM 138.1 (gravel pull out)
- PM 5.7/5.8 (gravel pull outs)
- PM 24.8 (gravel pull out near Willow Ranch Creek Bridge)

##### Modoc County – SR 395

- PM 23.0 (Alturas maintenance station)

#### **Disposal/Borrow:**

Borrow and disposal sites are not anticipated at this time. Any excess materials would become property of the contractor.

#### **Right of Way:**

All work would occur within State right-of-way (ROW). No additional ROW acquisition is required.

#### **Consultation/Agency Coordination:**

Caltrans has performed a review of resource records and databases, consultation and coordination with applicable agencies and individuals, and field surveys of the project limits.

#### **Permits:**

Based on the current scope of work, no regulatory permits are required.