

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
 P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): California Department of Transportation, District 3

703 B Street

Marysville, California 95901

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: State Route 70 and State Route 149 Thermoplastic Striping

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 3

Project Location - Specific:

State Route (SR) 70 in Yuba, Sutter, and Butte Counties and SR 149 in Butte County

Project Location - City: Various (11 sites along SR 70 and SR 149)

Project Location - County: Yuba, Sutter, and Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project would restripe roadway along State Routes 70 and 149 in Yuba, Sutter, and Butte Counties. The purpose of this project is to improve safe traffic operations as well as promote future traffic initiatives by removing existing traffic striping and pavement marking and replacing them with new traffic striping and pavement marking. The project is needed as roadway striping and pavement marking currently in place in the project locations do not meet new department standards for safety and for maximizing roadway operations efficiency. New Caltrans standard striping and pavement markings call for 6-inch thermoplastic striping. New striping and pavement marking standards provide for a wider stripe, which improves visibility, thereby resulting in safer travel and new striping and pavement markings meet autonomous vehicle requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15302; Replacement or Reconstruction
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project meets 15302 criteria of 1) consisting of "...replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced," and 2) being for the, "Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity."

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mundeep Purewal Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 812-4370

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Mundeep Purewal Digitally signed by Mundeep Purewal Date: 2020.11.12 12:21:06 -0800 Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

ATTACHMENT

Categorical Exemption Determination Form

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03 – YUB/SUT/BUT – 70/149 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	VAR P.M./P.M.	03-2G030 E.A./Project No.	N/A Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
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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.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to complete restriping of stretches of State Routes 70 and 149 in Yuba, Sutter, and Butte Counties (the exact project locations are identified below). The purpose of this project is to improve safe traffic operations as well as promoting future traffic initiatives by removing existing traffic striping and pavement marking and replacing them with new traffic striping and pavement marking. The project is needed as roadway striping and pavement marking currently in place in the project location do not meet new department standards for safety and for maximizing roadway operations efficiency. New Caltrans standard striping and pavement markings call for 6-inch thermoplastic striping. The reason for this is two-fold: 1) the new striping and pavement marking standard provides for a wider stripe, which improves visibility, thereby resulting in safer travel; and 2) the new striping and pavement marking meet autonomous vehicle requirements. Project activities are expected to involve grinding, ramp closures, and night work.

This project includes 11 sites and spans two highways in three counties. The table below presents the counties, highways, post miles, and direction of travel that comprise the precise project locations and the project limits of the work to be performed:

County in Which Project is Located	Highway(s)	Post Mile (PM)	Direction of Travel
Yuba	70	PM 0 To PM 14.09	EB
		PM 14.49 To PM 25.8	EB
		PM 0 To PM R 1.80	WB
		PM R8.41 PM 14.09	WB
Sutter	70	PM R0 to PM 8.3	EB/WB
Butte	70	PM 0.0 TO R21.31	EB/WB
		PM 22.28 To PM 37.54	EB/WB
		PM 38.00 To 42.08	EB/WB
		PM 42.64 To PM 48.10	EB/WB
Butte	149	PM R0.0 To PM R5.30	SB
		PM R0.0 To PM R2.50	NB

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CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

- Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency**

 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:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
 Categorically Exempt. Class 2. (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:

- 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.

- 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].]

Mundeep Purewal

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or
Environmental Branch Chief

Jennifer Key

Print Name: Project Manager

Mundeep Purewal

Signature

8/11/20

Date

Jennifer Key

Signature

8/11/2020

Date

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

03 – YUB/SUT/BUT – 70/149	VAR	03-2G030	N/A
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A./Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
NEPA COMPLIANCE			
<p>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:</p> <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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(___) <input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(___) <input type="checkbox"/> Activity ___ 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.			
N/A		N/A	
_____	_____	_____	_____
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A		Date of ECR or equivalent: 04/21/2020	

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

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION, Continued:

Staging

All staging would occur within Caltrans right of way.

Disposal/Borrow

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, a disposal/borrow site would not be required.

Right of Way

All work would be performed within Caltrans right of way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination would not be required.

Permits

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits would not be required for this project.