



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 12-ORA-90

PM/PM: 0.9/3.6

EA: 0R1800

Federal-Aid Project Number: Not Applicable

Project Description

Caltrans proposes a Safety Project on State Route-90 (SR-90), also known as Imperial Highway, between post miles 0.9/3.6, in the Cities of La Habra, Fullerton and Brea, in Orange County, California. *(Go to continuation sheet for remainder of project description.)*

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 15301 Class 1 (f).** (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:

[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)(8)
[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) ()
[] Activity 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

Smita Deshpande (Print Name), Smita Deshpande (Signature), July 30, 2020 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Constantino Stamation (Print Name), Constantino Stamation (Signature), July 31, 2020 (Date)

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: July 28, 2020
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: July 28, 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 continued:

The project will improve visibility at three intersection locations due to accident (collision) rates higher than statewide averages, compared to similar facilities. Construction activities will occur at: SR-90/Idaho Street (La Habra); SR-90/Walnut Street (La Habra), and; SR-90/Puente Street (Brea). Major work activities include install/modify new traffic signals, construct additional safety lighting, bring existing curb ramps to ADA standards, install loop detectors and traffic count stations where needed, and restripe to pre-existing configuration.

One location, SR-90 and Walnut Street, is not currently signalized. To enhance overall safety at this location, Caltrans will construct and install a traffic signal system, safety lighting, a new (additional) crosswalk and extend the existing left turn pocket (EB SR 90 to NB Walnut Street), by 240 feet, to provide additional storage capacity for queuing vehicles.

The Estimated Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) is 0.05 acres. Geotechnical borings (three total) within State's Right of Way (R/W), to a maximum depth of 30' feet below ground will be performed. No new R/W or temporary construction easements (TCEs) are needed. All work occurs in State's existing R/W. Lane closures and night work are anticipated. Construction will commence in 2022 and will last approximately one year.

Work activities at SR-90/Idaho Street intersection include:

- Replace and relocate all existing traffic signals with high visibility Light-Emitting Diode (LED) lenses at all corners of the SR-90/Idaho Street intersection
- Enhance the existing street lighting system with additional safety lighting fixtures to illuminate the intersection area
- Install new loop detectors where required
- Install one new audible pedestrian signal on the southwest quadrant of the intersection
- Modify and refresh the pavement delineation for 250' beyond the intersection for both directions along SR 90 to incorporate the new design standards

Work activities at SR-90/Walnut Street Intersection include:

- Install a new traffic signal system with high visibility LED lenses and a new controller cabinet
- Enhance the existing street lighting system with additional safety lighting fixtures to illuminate the intersection area
- Extend existing left turn pocket by 240 feet to provide additional storage capacity for queuing vehicle traffic (from EB SR-90 to NB Walnut Street)
- Modify and refresh the pavement delineation for 250' beyond the intersection for both directions along SR 90 to incorporate the new design standards
Install new roadside signs in conformance with the new signal system and remove the existing signs that are no longer compatible near this intersection



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- Reconstruct standard curb ramps at the NW and NE corners for ADA compliance
- Construct a standard curb ramp on south side of SR 90 to connect (a new/additional crosswalk) on west leg of SR 90 to existing sidewalk.
- Install a new Traffic Count Station including a Truck Piezo Counter

Work activities at SR-90/Puente Street Intersection include:

- Replace existing traffic signals with high visibility LED lenses at all corners and install new controller cabinet
- Enhance the existing street lighting system with additional safety lighting fixtures to illuminate the intersection area
- Install new loop detectors where required
- Install pedestrian buttons with audible countdown
- Modify and refresh the pavement delineation for 250' beyond the intersection for both directions along SR 90 to incorporate the new design standards
- Trim raised median islands to attain 4 feet clearance from edge of pedestrian crosswalk

In addition to the measures provided in the Caltrans Standard Specifications, measures related to construction noise, air pollution control, water pollution control, erosion, cultural resources, biological resources, and any subsequent requirements will be implemented.

No significant environmental impacts are anticipated with the proposed project. However, an Environmental Commitment Record (ECR) has been prepared.

- Caltrans will coordinate with City regarding new (additional) crosswalk at SR-90/Walnut Street, prior to construction.
- The ECR lists the measures that must be met and documented throughout all project phases, including Design and Construction Phases.

Technical Reports/Studies/Memos supporting CE/CE:

Categorical Exclusion Checklist, K. Dove, July 27, 2020

Air Quality Conformity Checklist, K. Dove, July 27, 2020

Bio/NEMO, C. Baker/L. Sato, June 24, 2020

Community Impact Memo, K. Dove, July 16, 2020

Cultural Review Memo, J. Wright, June 24, 2020

HW Review, R. Aurasteh/R. Bade, May 11, 2020

Water Quality Review, H. Salas, June 25, 2020