



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 12-ORA-5

PM/PM: 33.54/33.60

EA: 0S7304

Federal-Aid Project Number: 1221000029

Project Description

This State funded Minor B Emergency District Director's Orders project proposes to remove and repair a section of the damaged sound wall due to a vehicle hit located at Interstate 5 (I-5) North of Main Street adjacent to Memoery Lane in City of Santa Ana, in Orange County, Post Mile (PM) 33.54 to 33.60. No Right of Way (R/W) is required; and proposed construction for this project is anticipated to begin on February 8, 2021 and complete on March 24, 2021.

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

Smita Deshpande	<i>Smita Deshpande</i>	Feb 9, 2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Steve Kinaly	<i>Steve Kinaly</i>	02-09-2021
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (NA)

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)(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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

NA		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA		
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: NA
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 2/12/21

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:

The limits of the proposed project are within the jurisdiction of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the receiving water body is Santiago Creek. The total Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) is unknown at the time of review but it is anticipated that the project will cause less than 1.0 acre of soil disturbance thus requiring a Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP). Measures and conditions are included in the attached Environmental Commitment Record (ECR).

No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project.