



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

**Project Information**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-SAC/080

**PM/PM:** 12.370/14.330

**EA:** 03-1J450

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0320000237

**Project Description**

Caltrans proposes to install 2 ramp meter systems on Interstate-80 (I-80) in Sacramento County at the Madison Ave on-ramp and The Elkhorn Blvd on-ramp to Westbound I-80.

The scope of work includes: remove and replace ramp meter poles at the existing location; remove advanced warning signs and replace with flashing beacon systems at the location; remove and replace ramp meters mast arms at the existing location; remove and replace existing signs at the existing location; install electrical loops; restripe; remove vegetation and trees; and dig trenches to access to electrical power source if needed.

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**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**

Rajpreet Bihala

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3/25/2021

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**Project Manager**

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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 (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**

Print Name	Signature	Date
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**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

Print Name	Signature	Date
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**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:**



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**Continuation sheet:**

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**Purpose**

Westbound 1-80 in the county of Sacramento at Madison Ave and Elkhorn Blvd on-ramps experiences recurrent congestion which contributes to the increased delay as well as merge-related collisions with uncontrolled traffic entering the freeway. This particular segment of I-80 sees a lot of volume due to the travel to the Bay Area.

**Need**

In order to improve the mainline operations and to reduce collisions, the ramp meters at the above-mentioned locations need to be updated and the new meters installed as necessary.

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 12/15/20

**Staging**

All staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

**Disposal/Borrow**

No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from ditch excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

**Right-of Way**

There are no right of way acquisitions. All work is being conducted within the State right of way.

**Consultation/Coordination**

No consultation/coordination are needed.

**Permits**

No permits are required.