



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): HUM-101 Eureka Shoulders	
DIST-CO-RTE: 01-HUM-101	PM/PM: 76.077/76.65
EA: 01-0H740	Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A
<u>Project Description</u>	
<p>The Eureka Shoulders project is located on US Route 101 (Broadway) in the City of Eureka, between the South Bayshore Mall entrance and Henderson Street. The project proposes to increase shoulder width at three locations to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. The first location includes approximately 400 feet of northbound shoulder located across from the Bayshore Mall. The goal at this location is to regain the original paved width of the shoulder, and an additional 1.3 feet, by removing the dike and placing the new dike at the edge of the shoulder. The second location includes approximately 125 feet of the northbound shoulder of Broadway across from Taco Bell. The goal at this location is to keep the hillside material out of the shoulder by placing a dike at the edge of the paved shoulder. The final location is on the southbound shoulder of the right turn pocket at the south Bayshore Mall entrance. The goal at this location is to create a consistent shoulder width for bicyclists' safety by restriping the turn pocket parallel to the sidewalk.</p>	

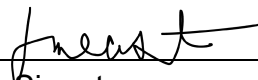
Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- 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 East		4/1/21
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Kristina Walker KT for KW		4/1/21
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 3/30/2021

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:

Environmental Considerations

Air, biological, cultural, noise, visual, water quality and hazardous materials reviews have been completed by qualified specialists and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below. Prior to construction, a Coastal Development Permit would be obtained from city of Eureka.

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

Air and Noise:

- The construction contractor must comply with the 2018 Caltrans Standard Specifications in Section 14-9. Section 14-9.02 specifically requires compliance by the contractor with all applicable laws and regulations related to air quality.
- Water or a dust palliative will be applied to the site and equipment as often as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
- Construction equipment and vehicles will be properly tuned and maintained. All construction equipment will use low sulfur fuel as required by CA Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.
- Dust and mud that are deposited on paved, public roads due to construction activity and traffic will be promptly and regularly removed to reduce PM emissions.
- Compliance with Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, which includes idling restrictions of construction vehicles and equipment to no more than 5 minutes.
- Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification 7-1.02C "Emissions Reduction" ensures that construction activities adhere to the most recent emissions reduction regulations mandated by the California Air Resource Board.
- Utilize a traffic management plan to minimize vehicle delays.
- Noise associated with construction is controlled by Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8.02, "Noise Control," which states the following:
 - Control and monitor noise resulting from work activities.
 - Do not exceed 86 dBA Lmax at 50 feet from the job site from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Biology:

- The contractor would be required to place temporary barrier fencing along the boundaries of all Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) (e.g., wetlands) to avoid impacts to sensitive habitats that occur adjacent to the project footprint.
- Equipment would be inspected daily for leaks and completely cleaned of any external petroleum products, hydraulic fluid, coolants, and other deleterious materials prior to operating equipment.
- Measures to prevent construction equipment effluents from contaminating soil or waters in the construction site, such as absorbent pads.
- Maintenance and fueling of construction equipment and vehicles would occur at least 50 feet from surface water or the edge of sensitive habitats (e.g., wetlands).



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- The contractor would be required to develop and implement site-specific best management practices and emergency spill controls.
- Water in contact with setting concrete would be pumped into a tank truck and disposed at an approved disposal site or settling basin.

Cultural:

- If buried cultural resources are unearthed during construction, it is Caltrans' policy to halt all work in the area of the inadvertent discovery until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find and notify affiliated tribal representatives and appropriate personnel across involved agencies.
- If human remains are inadvertently unearthed during construction, no further disturbance shall occur until the County Coroner has determined the origin and disposition of the remains, as stated by law within California State Health and Safety Code §7050.5.

Hazardous Waste (The project work site is not on the Cortese List):

- It will be required to include NSSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) EARTH MATERIALS CONTAINING LEAD in coordination with NSSP 14-11.08 REGULATED MATERIALS CONTAINING AERIALY DEPOSITED LEAD and NSSP 14-11.09 MINIMAL DISTURBANCE OF MATERIAL CONTAINING REGULATED CONCENTRATIONS OF AERIALY DEPOSITED LEAD.
- The use of SSP 84-9.03B REMOVE TRAFFIC STRIPES AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS CONTAINING LEAD will be required for white traffic stripe removal.
- Treated Wood Waste (TWW) may be generated from signpost removal/reconstruction. This can be addressed with SSP 14-11.14 TREATED WOOD WASTE management in the construction contract.