



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 05-SB/SLO-VAR **PM/PM:** VAR
EA: 05-1M740 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0520000058

Project Description

Caltrans proposes a rumble strip project in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties across various segments of Highways 1, 41, 46, 101, and 135 (details on continuation sheet). The purpose of this project is to reduce the number and severity of

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

<u>Matthew Fowler</u>	<u></u>	<u>11/12/20</u>
Print Name	Signature	Date

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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) 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

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Amy Donatello

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Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/26/20

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:

roadway departure collisions. This project includes installing center and edge rumble strips, striping upgrades, pavement markings, signs replacements, and new sign installations. Existing signs will be removed and replaced in their existing locations which include: Firefighter Road, Graciosa Road, and San Antonio Road east and west along Highway 1 and San Antonio Road east on Highway 135. New signs will be installed along Highway 1 at Mountain View Boulevard and San Antonio Road east and west and Highway 135 at San Antonio Road east.

Highway	County	Postmile	Work
1	SB	M29.89-R35.09	Upgrade pavement markings
41	SLO	R16.11-R18.08	Install centerline rumble strip
46	SLO	29.95-31.96	Install inside and outside rumble strip
101	SB	70.55-71.71.62	Install inside and outside rumble strip
101	SB/SLO	84.35-0.8	Install inside and outside rumble strip
101	SLO	3.44-5.6, 7.12-7.83, 16.46-R21.48, 32.9- 35.51, 41.95-46.0	Install inside and outside rumble strip
135	SB	0.73-M9.44	Install centerline rumble strip
135	SB	0.73-M11.722, L8.878- R10.41	Upgrade pavement markings and striping, install inside and outside rumble strip
135	SB	M9.44-M11.72, L8.88- R10.41	Install outside rumble strip and inside edge line rumble stripe
135	SB	R 10 .41-1 0. 66	Upgrade pavement markings and striping

Biology Avoidance and Minimization Measures:

1. Project related activities including vegetation removal within the project impact area should be done outside of the nesting season (February 1 - August 31); however, if vegetation removal needs to occur during the nesting season, a state biologist(s) must inspect the site no more than two weeks prior to removal to ensure that no nests are present and should be notified by the contractor at least 10 working days before vegetation removal activities begin.
2. If active bird nests are found during required preconstruction surveys, a work buffer or monitoring strategy will be established by the state biologist. If a work buffer is appropriate, high visibility fencing or flagging will be used to establish the buffer. The buffer or monitoring strategy will remain in place until the breeding season has ended or until a state supplied biologist has determined that the birds have fledged and are no longer reliant upon the nest or parental care for survival.

Hazardous Waste Measures:

1. All disturbed/excavated soil is to remain onsite. Include a bid item for a Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) following Standard Special Provision (SPP) 14-11-09.



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2. Records on Caltrans Data Retrieval System indicate that hazardous yellow thermoplastic or traffic stripe has been removed by various projects along Highways 1, 101, and 135 in Santa Barbara and Highways 41, 46, 101 in San Luis Obispo. If the stripe is going to be removed as part of a cold plane or grinding operation where the stripe is being removed within the asphalt concrete, then use SSP 36-4. Regardless of which SSP is included, a bid item will need to be included for a lead compliance plan. Use \$2,000 for the bid cost estimate. Only one LCP is required for this project.
3. Treated wood waste includes posts for roadside signs and guardrail. If treated wood waste is removed, then it must be properly managed and disposed in accordance with special provision (SPP) 14-11.14.

Noise Minimization Measures:

1. Notify the public in advance of the construction schedule when construction noise and upcoming construction activities likely to produce an adverse noise environment are expected. This notice shall be given two weeks in advance. Notice should be published in local news media of the dates and duration of proposed construction activity. The District 5 Public Information Office posts notice of the proposed construction and potential community impacts after receiving notice from the Resident Engineer.
2. Shield loud pieces of stationary construction equipment if complaints are received.
3. Locate portable generators, air compressors, etc. away from sensitive noise receptors as feasible.
4. Limit grouping major pieces of equipment operating in one area to the greatest extent feasible.
5. Use newer equipment that is quieter and ensure that all equipment items have the manufacturers' recommended noise abatement measures, such as mufflers, engine covers, and engine vibration isolators intact and operational. Internal combustion engines used for any purpose on or related to the job shall be equipped with a muffler or baffle of a type recommended by the manufacturer.
6. Consult District noise staff if complaints are received during the construction process.