



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

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC-050

PM/PM: 12.50/12.50

EA: 03-4H970

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0319000128

Project Description

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the safety, sustainability, and performance of the District 3 Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) located at 3165 Gold Valley Drive, Rancho Cordova. This project is needed to improve the energy performance, safety, and sustainability of the existing building by addressing water infiltration issues from leaks to the HVAC units in the rooftop and inadequate roof insulation. All work for this State-funded project will take place within the existing right-of-way and no new right-of-way will be needed. (continued page 3)

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(d).** (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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Print Name	Signature	Date

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 (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.

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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: Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

Continued: This project proposes to install new roof, install 4 to 5 new outdoor-rated energy efficient HVAC units, and inspect for mold and structural defects. The project also proposes to adjust roof curbs for mechanical equipment and skylights, extend plumbing vents, and modify roof ladders and parapet wall coping if needed. If project funds are available, the design will consider upgrade ADA, upgrade interior and exterior lighting to LED and add landscape around the building to the project.

Biology

- Due to the limited scope and work area, no listed endangered or threatened species, listed critical habitats, or other biological resources considered as sensitive are expected to be negatively affected or require coordination, consultation, or permitting as per the State and Federal statuses considered for this evaluation according to the *No Effects Memo* completed by the Caltrans biologist.
- No natural resources were identified; No permits required.

Cultural Resources

- No archaeological properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, California Historical Landmarks, California Inventory of Historic Resources, California Points of Historical Interest, or California Register of Historical Resources are present within the proposed project area.
- Caltrans D3 RTMC, a C.a. 2000 building, less than 30 years of age, was exempted from formal evaluation pursuant to Stipulation VIII. C.1 and Attachment 4 of the PA ("Properties Exempt from Evaluation).
- No built environment properties listed (or eligible for listing) on the National Register of Historic Places, California Historical Landmarks, California Inventory of Historic Resources, California Points of Historical Interest, or California Register of Historical Resources will be affected or require studies.
- The proposed project does not have the potential to affect archaeological sites or other cultural resources based on the investigation of the project areas and work scope. Based on this review, it is concluded that the proposed project has no potential to affect any historic properties and can be treated as a screened undertaking pursuant to Stipulation VII and Attachment 2 according to the *Screening Memo*.



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Traffic Noise, Air Quality, Energy and Greenhouse Gas.

- **Noise:** Based on the scope of work, this project is considered a Type III project. Traffic noise impact is not predicted to occur from the proposed project; therefore, noise abatement is not considered.
- **Air Quality:** This project is exempt from conformity analysis under "Safety". The proposed modifications would not result in changes to the traffic volume, fleet mix, speed, location of existing facility or any other factor that would cause an increase in emissions relative to the no build alternative; therefore, this project would not cause an increase in operational emissions.
- **Greenhouse Gas:** Long-term operational GHG emissions are not predicted to increase from the project. Therefore, impact with regard to GHG is not expected and no further analysis is required.

Water Quality

- The project is Exempt from a Water Quality Assessment.

Hazardous Waste

- Caltrans hazardous waste staff reviewed the proposed project in the fall of 2020 and determined that no significant hazardous waste/materials were identified.
- **ISA Conclusions:** The project may be constructed without any other SSP's, NSSP's, or restrictions from OEES.

Permits

- No Permits will be required for this project.