



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2021)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SR-91 Pavement Rehabilitation & Drainage Improvement Multi-Asset Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 12-ORA-91

PM/PM: 4.8/6.4

EA:0R3120

Federal-Aid Project Number: Not Applicable

Project Description

As part of a State Route 91 (SR-91) Multi-Asset Program, Caltrans proposes a Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage Improvement Project to address inadequate roadway conditions and transportation management system elements in the Eastbound (EB) and Westbound (WB) directions, the Acacia Street Undercrossing (UC) to 0.1 mile east of the La Palma Overcrossing (OC), post miles 4.8/6.4, in the cities of Anaheim and Fullerton. *Continued on 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 15301 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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June 23, 2021

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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) (21)
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

Smita Deshpande Signature Date June 23, 2021

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Brian Santos Signature Date June 23, 2021

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 6/22/2021
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/22/2021

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:

Project is funded through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) and is anticipated to be programmed for funding in FY 2023/2024. SHOPP utilizes State and Federal monies. Caltrans is the CEQA and NEPA Lead Agency for this *project*.

Description of work:

The scope of work for 0R3120 includes pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, loop detector replacement, lighting replacement, conduit replacement, landscape improvements, overhead sign panel replacement, upgrade existing switches in electrical cabinets, upgrade fiber optic communication systems, install video detection cameras, install Smart Street Lighting, install non-pan-tilt-rotate (PTZ) cameras, install central locking cabinet systems, upgrade pull boxes with locking systems. Potholing (five borings) to verify underground utilities is likely.

- Estimated Disturbed Soil Area (DSA), including Stage and Store areas for contractor use is 1.12 acres.

Drainage work proposed includes:

6.21	EB/WB	480 feet east of SR-57	Cure-in-place-pipe lining, construct manhole
6.36	EB/WB	200 feet west of La Palma, crossing the freeway	Cure-in-place-pipe lining or slurry fill

0R3120 specifically entails:

- Roadway slabs
- Cold Plane & Overlay
- Grind & Groove
- Drainage Improvements
- Replace Loop Detectors
- Lighting/Conduit Improvement: Replace lights, Replace conduit
- Landscape Improvement
- Upgrade Overhead Signs
- Switch Cabinet Locking
- Upgrade Fiber Optics
- Install Smart Lighting
- Install Non-PTZ Cameras
- Install Central Locking
- Upgrade Pull Boxes

All work activities occur in State's existing Right of Way. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is needed and must be coordinated with Emergency Responders, as well as all cities involved. School Districts in the cities with Bus Routes in and around La Palma Overcrossing must also be notified of any temporary detours and lane closures and established bus stops that might be temporarily impacted. Night work is possible and lane closures including detours are expected. Duration of construction is about 38 months. Anticipated construction start date is December 2024.



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No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the Caltrans Standards and Measures relating to Construction Noise, Air Pollution Control, Erosion Control and Hazardous Waste, the following Measures are required:

- An Environmental Commitment Record (ECR) has been prepared. The ECR contains Measures that will be addressed and implemented during Design and Construction Phases.

The following technical studies/reports/e-mails support the CE/CE:

Air Quality Conformity Checklist, Dove, 6/22/2021

NES-MI w/JD, Baker/Sato, 5/11/2021

Cultural Screening Memo, Wright, 1/19/2021

Water Quality Memo, Salas, 3/4/2021

Floodplain Review No Impact e-mail, Dinh/Patel, 1/15/2021

VIA Questionnaire (Low-Score) e-mail, Godett, 4/21/2021

Community Impact Memo, Dove, 6/22/2021

Hazardous Waste: ISA Checklist & Memo, *updated* ISA Checklist & Memo, Aurasteh/Bade, 2/24/2021 & 4/21/2021

NEPA CE Checklist, Dove, 6/22/2021