



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** SR 98 Relinquishment R34600 in Imperial County, CA

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 11-IMP-98

**PM/PM:** 31.0

**EA:** 11-08028 / PID 1100020357

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description**

The project consists of a proposed relinquishment of two segments of Caltrans right-of-way (parcel R34600) that abuts State Route 98 in Imperial County CA. The first segment to be relinquished is approximately 44-feet south of SR 98 along the western side of Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The second segment to be relinquished abuts SR 98 on the north and is located along the western side of Estrada Boulevard. This project will eliminate State costs associated with maintenance and operations of owning these segments of SR 98, and therefore, to relinquish the segment that is no longer needed as part of the State Highway System (SHS).

**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 12.** (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**

Shay Lynn M. Harrison		8/31/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Kazim Mamdani		8/31/2021
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:

**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)(\_\_\_)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(\_\_\_)**
- Activity \_\_\_ 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**

Not Applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

Not Applicable

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:** N/A

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** N/A

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).