



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): STA-132 Curb Ramps	
DIST-CO-RTE: 10-STA-132	PM/PM: 18.64, 20.09/20.28
EA: 10-1L210	Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A
<u>Project Description</u>	
The project will install/upgrade curb ramps, level pads, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, accessible pedestrian signals, and detectable warning surfaces on State Route (SR) 132 in the City of Modesto and the town of Empire to comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The purpose of the project is to improve the pedestrian accessibility for persons with disability in compliance with the Department's current ADA standards.	

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(c).** (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)

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)(15)

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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 5/25/2021
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 5/26/2021

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:

General

Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown sensitive resources are discovered. Contact District 10 Environmental Branch Chief if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.

Air Quality

The project is exempt from all project-level conformity requirements per Table 2 of 40 CFR 93.126 under the project type "Pedestrian facilities".

Biological Resources

A preconstruction survey for migratory birds and raptors will be required fourteen (14) days prior to start of construction, if construction activities occur within the migratory bird nesting season (February 1- September 30).

If migratory birds or raptors are found nesting within or next to a work area during construction activities, the following Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) buffers must be implemented and avoided, until the young have fledged or a qualified biologist determines that construction may proceed.

- For active migratory bird nests: 100-foot ESA buffer.
- For active burrowing owl burrows: 165-foot ESA buffer (for Sept 1 – Jan 31 non-breeding period) and 250-foot ESA buffer (for Feb 1 – Aug 31 breeding period).
- For active raptor nests: 300-foot ESA buffer.
- For active Swainson's hawk nests: 600-foot ESA buffer.

Environmental Justice

The project build alternative will not cause disproportionately high and adverse effects on any minority or low-income populations in accordance with the provisions of EO 12898. No further environmental justice analysis is required.

Hazardous Materials and Waste

There is potential to encounter non-hazardous concentrations of Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) while working in unpaved areas within the project limits.

The Caltrans Standard Special Provision, 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii), which pertains to Earth Material Containing Lead, shall be added to the construction contract. A lead compliance plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required.