



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Marconi Curve

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC-51

PM/PM: 5.6/5.9

EA: 03-3H730

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0318000055

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve safety for traveling public and to protect residents and maintenance crews by placing a concrete barrier from errant vehicles running off the roadway along State Route (SR) 51 in Sacramento County from post miles 5.4 to 6.2. The project is needed because the Total Actual Collision Rate at this location is higher than the Total State Average Collision Rate for a similar facility. A total of 25 collisions were reported from 1-1-2012 to 12-31-2014 during the initiation of this project, including 10 that resulted in injuries.

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

Mike Bartlett	<i>Mike Bartlett</i>	9/7/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Andrew Huang	<i>Andrew Huang</i>	9/7/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date



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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)(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

Mike Bartlett Signature Date 9/7/2021

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Andrew Huang Signature Date 9/7/2021

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 7/28/2021
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/28/2021

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:

Scope of work:

The project proposes to install an outer separation concrete barrier, replace Metal Beam Guard Rails with separation concrete barriers, widen shoulders, install, replace and update electroliers, and upgrade the drainage system.

Staging

- The staging area is identified in the current project plan, which is within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The project is expecting to generate approximately 1,500 CY of excess material, which will be relinquished to the contractor for disposal. No borrow would be required.

Right-of-Way

- The project will require 4 easements from the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento. The project will also require 1 acquisition of property from County of Sacramento.
- Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy concurrence was received from the City of Sacramento for drainage improvement work on the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex property and the Pedestrian/Bike Path.

Consultation/Coordination

- No Consultation/Coordination is required.

Permits

- No environmental permits will be required.

Utility

- The work will not require any utility relocation.