



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 11/2020)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Dorris CAPM

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 02-SIS-97, 02-SIS-161     **PM/PM:** PM 45.0/54.089, PM 0.037/0.5

**EA:** 02-4H000     **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0218000067

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using State and Federal funds, is proposing a CAPM pavement rehabilitation project in and around the community of Dorris on State Route (SR) 97 and a small section of SR 161 in Siskiyou County. The project will extend for 9.1 miles on SR 97, from post mile (PM) 45.0 to PM 54.1, and from PM 0.0 to 0.6 on SR 161. Continued on page 3.

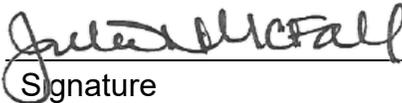
**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)

- 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 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**

Julie McFall		12/20/21
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Kerry A Molz		12/20/2021
Print Name	Signature	Date

**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



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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:

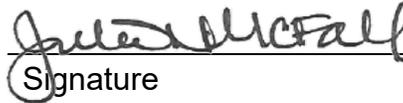
- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(26)**
- 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**
- Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

**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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**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

Kerry A Molz

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**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:** 10/19/2021

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 10/21/2021

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:

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**PURPOSE** The purpose of the proposed project is to restore the facility to a state of good repair so that the roadway will be in a condition that requires minimal maintenance.

**NEED** Data gathered from the Pavement Condition Summary Report (PaveM) combined with field observations has determined that routine maintenance no longer be sufficient to maintain reasonable ride quality.

### **Additional Work Includes**

- Overlaying the entire project limit, including the ag inspection station (PM 49.82), with 0.2-foot of Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA).
- Replace and install new light poles at the Dorris agricultural inspection station. Foundation excavation, up to 8' deep, and conduit trenching, up to 4' deep, will occur.
- Two rectangular rapid flashing beacons will be installed at the intersection of US 97 and 3rd St in the City of Dorris within the footprint of the existing sidewalk; trenching will occur for electrical conduit hookups.
- Trenching will occur outside of the road shoulder on Northbound SR 97 from PM 51.35-51.48 approximately 3-4 ft deep. Trenching will be used to carry electrical and communications to new RWIS location.
- Replacing curb ramps, where needed, to meet current ADA standards.
- Updating the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) with new lighting and components, located at the intersection of SR 97 and SR 161.
- Installing two concrete pads. One 14'x20' pad for CCTV, an area of approximately 50'x30' will be paved (PM 51.31). The second pad will be a 14'x12' concrete pad for RWIS with fencing and a pavement area approximately 50'x25' (PM 51.48).
- Existing CCTV power and communications will provide power to new CCTV.
- Replacing signing and striping.
- Replacing Metal Beam Guardrail (MBGR) with Midwest Guardrail System (MGS).
- Union Pacific Railroad approaches will be reconstructed.

All paving will be confined to the current roadway prism. For this project, Temporary Construction Easements will be needed.

### **Right of Way**

Numerous TCE's will be needed from the Department of Agriculture, private landowners, and the City of Dorris.

### **Staging/Stockpiling**

There are multiple pullout locations that can be utilized as staging areas within the project limits.



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### **Disposal/Borrow sites**

The project would not utilize borrowed material. Any excess material generated will become the property of the contractor.

### **Biological Resources**

To identify potential biological resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, field reviews of the project area were completed.

If an active Swainson's Hawk nest is identified within 0.25 miles of work, activities that raise the ambient noise levels by 20 db (with the exception of vehicle backup alarms) will need to occur outside of the nesting season (February 1-September 15), or after birds have fledged.

### **Consultation/Coordination**

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a field review of the project area was completed by cultural staff. No impacts to cultural resources are anticipated.

### **Utilities**

Utility box lids will be raised & lowered during construction. No conflicts requiring relocation are anticipated.