



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Yuba Pass Bridge Replacement

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-PLA/NEV-80

PM/PM: 58.52/58.64 & 58.71/60.12

EA: 03-3H560

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0318000014

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes to replace and widen the Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridges along Interstate 80 (I-80) in Nevada and Placer County. The proposed project would improve freight efficiency along I-80 by increasing the load carrying capacity and address the structural deficiencies that necessitate the replacement of the structures, such as concrete cracking and spalling, high corrosive chloride content, superstructure repainting, work deck overlay, and bearing pad failure.

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 Enter class. (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

N/A

N/A

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

N/A

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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)()
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(13)
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

Hannah Clark
Print Name
Signature: Hannah Clark
Date: 4/27/22

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Sam Vandell
Print Name
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 4/27/22

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

The Following permits would be required for this project:

- United States Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Permit for filling or dredging waters of the United States.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1602 Agreement for Streambed Alternation Agreement.
- California Regional Water Quality Control Board Section 401 Certification
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System.

There is a Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) track that crosses under the Yuba Pass Separation Overhead bridges that would be impacted by the project. Permanent and temporary easements would be needed from the UPRR.

Potential disposal and borrow sites would be identified in the 1 phase.

Nevada County Sheriff's Office was consulted on the expected construction methods and expressed their needs to keep delay times to a minimum during construction in case there is a need for emergency response. Also, coordination and continuing coordination with the following agencies would be required.

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Truckee River Flood Management Authority