



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-PLA/NEV-80 **PM/PM:** Various

EA: 03-1H990 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0317000043

Project Description

The Department of Transportation proposes to rehabilitate a portion of Interstate 80 (I-80), in both Placer and Nevada Counties, from 0.2 miles west of the Troy undercrossing to 0.1 miles east of the Soda Springs overcrossing. The proposed project would repair distressed pavement on the existing eastbound (EB) and westbound lanes and shoulders, construct an EB truck climbing lane, and widen/replace the EB Troy (19-106R) and Kingvale (19-107R) undercrossing (UC) structures. Existing culverts would be repaired, replaced, or extended as needed. Detector loops on the mainline and Soda Springs ramps, as well as existing overhead sign structures and sign panels, would be replaced. The existing chain installation area between the Troy Road UC and Kingvale UC would be grooved to improve tire traction during snow and icy conditions.

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	N/A	N/A
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)(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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Hannah Clark	<i>Hannah Clark</i>	2/24/22
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Mohan Bonala	<i>Rhagawm</i>	2/24/22
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 2/24/22

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 2/24/22

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:

STAGING

All work and staging would occur within Caltrans right of way.

DISPOSAL/BORROW

No material disposal or borrow sites are required.

ACCESS ROUTE & RIGHT-OF-WAY

No right of way acquisition is required.

CONSULTATION/COORDINATION

No consultation with outside agencies is required.

PERMITS

No permits are required.