

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Colusa

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans

703 B Street

Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: 2J630 COL 5 Arbuckle Pavement Repair

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

Interstate-5 near postmile R6.38, south of Grimes-Arbuckle Road in Colusa County

Project Location - City: Arbuckle

Project Location - County: Colusa

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work includes site preparation, traffic control, pavement grinding, paving, striping, miscellaneous grading, and incidental work as directed. This project is needed to avoid failure or threat of failure to the transportation system, which can result in the loss or impairment of life, health, or property.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301

Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Robert Wall

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (707) 834-2471

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.

2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Robert Wall Date: 5/27/2022 Title: Senior Environmental Scientist (Sup)

▪ Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): COL 5 Arbuckle Pavement Repair

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-COL-5

PM/PM: 6.38/6.38

EA: 2J630

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) issued a District Director's Order to repair a failed pavement segment on Interstate-5 near postmile R6.38 just South of Grimes-Arbuckle Road, both northbound and southbound lanes, in Colusa County. Field investigation concluded the failure is related to a regional subsurface issue where the lanes have dropped approximately 18-inch over a 200 feet distance. This problem must be arrested immediately in order to lessen the imminent danger. This project is needed to avoid failure or threat of failure to the transportation system, which can result in the loss or impairment of life, health, or property.

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Caltrans CEQA Determination

- 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

Robert Wall	<i>Robert Wall</i>	5/27/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Anthony Thurman	<i>Jennifer Key</i>	5/27/22
Print Name	Signature	Date
	for Anthony Thurman	



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Caltrans NEPA Determination

[X] 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)(Enter activity number)
[] 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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A



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Continuation sheet:

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The proposed solution was to repair the failed pavement by applying a deep lift leveling course. The scope of work includes site preparation, traffic control, pavement grinding, paving, striping, miscellaneous grading, and incidental work as directed.

Right-of-Way

Based on the scope of work, this project would be completed within State right of way.

Consultation/Coordination

No consultation or coordination required.

Permits

No regulatory permits required.