



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Covelo Pavement

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-162

PM/PM: R 0.0/25.7

EA: 01-0H150

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0117000116

Project Description

This District 1 pavement rehabilitation project (2R) is located on State Route 162, a rural major collector, undivided two-lane conventional highway in Mendocino County from PM R0.0 to 25.7. The project includes rehabilitation of the existing Class III pavement using two pavement strategies: Minor Pavement Rehabilitation strategy for 26.2 lane miles projected to be rated as fair and a Major Roadway Rehabilitation strategy for 24.5 lane miles projected to be rated as poor. Select poor rated lane miles will require Replace Asphalt Concrete Surfacing (digouts). Lane mile rating projection is for the Ready-to- List (RTL) year 2024. This project will include: place shoulder backing where feasible; place high friction surface treatment (HFST) at select locations; replace signposts, upgrade signs, upgrade guard railing; upgrade transition railing, and installation of terminal system end treatments; midwest guardrail system (MGS) to metal beam guard rail (MBGR) transition at Corral Creek Bridge; modified anchor post and transition railing for Rodeo Creek Bridge; and addition of anchor block at westbound bridge approach to Middle Fork Eel River Bridge. The Maintenance Pavement Program (PaveM) identifies scores of 100% for SHOPP effectiveness and 67% for rehab Effectiveness for 2024 delivery year.

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

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Katie Everett	<i>Katie Everett</i>	6/3/2022
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, 2022, 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

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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:

Staging

Staging will occur in Caltrans Right of Way as well as temporary construction easements (TCEs).

Disposal/Borrow

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, import borrow sites and disposal sites are not needed. Treated wood waste will be disposed compliant with Caltrans Standard Special Provisions.

Right-of-Way

This project would be completed within State right-of-way. No permanent acquisition would be required for this project, but TCEs would be required for staging.

Consultation and Agency Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work, consultation and agency coordination will be required. Consultation with US Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was completed. The project will adopt measures from the NMFS Programmatic Biological Opinion and the USFWS Programmatic Letter of Concurrence. Consultation with the Round Valley Tribes is ongoing and will continue for the life of the project.

Permit

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits are not required.