



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Avenal 269 HMA Rehab
DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE-269 **PM/PM:** 0.0/0.4
EA: 06-1F220 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 06-2200-0193

Project Description

The proposed project is in Fresno County on State Route 269 (Lassen Avenue) located south of the Avenal Cutoff Road and ending north of the southbound ramps to Interstate 5. The purpose of this project is to repair and replace the existing pavement. The project is needed to address the deteriorated pavement conditions on State Route 269. This project proposes to cold plane 0.25 foot of the existing asphalt concrete pavement and replace it with 0.25 to 0.40 foot of Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A). In addition, Fog Seal will be applied to the existing Asphalt Concrete Shoulders to extend pavement surface life. This project will not require the acquisition of new right-of-way.

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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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)(22)

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)

Activity 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 the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans.



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Continuation sheet:

Air Quality

- A Dust Control Plan approved by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is needed if at least 2,500 cubic yards of material are moved in a day for at least 3 days of project activity, or 5 or more acres of land will be disturbed during construction.
- The provisions of Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control," require the contractor to comply with the air pollution control rules, ordinances, and regulations and statutes that apply to work performed under the contract, including those provided in Government Code § 11017.

Hazardous Waste

- A Lead Compliance Plan developed by a certified industrial hygienist is required. Caltrans' Standard Special Provisions Section 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead requires a Lead Compliance Plan when lead concentrations are nonhazardous (below 1,000 milligrams/kilograms of total lead and below 5 milligrams per liter of soluble lead) or whenever disturbance (e.g., excavation) of earth material (i.e., soil) that could result in lead exposure will occur, and disposal in a permitted landfill is not required. The estimated cost of the Lead Compliance Plan is \$3,000.
- Residue from removing yellow thermoplastic pavement markings and/or yellow painted traffic stripes may contain lead chromate. Residue produced from the separate removal of any yellow thermoplastic pavement markings and/or yellow painted traffic stripes may contain heavy metals in concentrations that exceed thresholds established by the Health and Safety Code and 22 California Code of Regulations. Standard Special Provisions Section 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B would be included for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a Lead Compliance Plan. (Please note that one Lead Compliance Plan may address soil and paint/marketing materials).

Water Quality

- If the project disturbs 1 acre or more of soil, the following requirements would be required:
 - A Notice of Intent is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 30 days before construction starts.
 - A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is to be prepared and implemented during construction to the satisfaction of the Resident Engineer.
 - A Notice of Termination shall be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board upon completion of construction and site stabilization.



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The project will be considered complete when the criteria for final stabilization in the Construction General Permit are met.

- If the project disturbs less than 1 acre of soil, the contractor would be required to prepare a Water Pollution Control Program per Caltrans' 2018 Standard Specifications Section 13-1 Water Pollution.

Noise

- Do not exceed the maximum sound level of 86 A-weighted decibels at 50 feet from job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- All internal combustion engines should be equipped with the manufacturer-recommended muffler. Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.