



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): State Route 86 Emergency Guardrail Repair

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-IMP-86

PM/PM: R17.6

EA: 11-3A550 / 1122000244

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

Caltrans proposes the District Director's Order (DDO) to replace the existing damaged guardrail system with Concrete Barrier 60MS, because an errant vehicle hit and went through the guardrail system. Multiple hits on the guardrail at this bridge location have led to the guardrail being replaced by concrete barrier at the other bridge quadrants, as reported by Traffic Operations. All work will be performed in State right-of-way. Please see the continuation sheet for ECR conditions that apply to this project.

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

Shay Lynn M. Harrison		7/21/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[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)(___)
[] 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 FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

NOT APPLICABLE

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NOT APPLICABLE

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/21/2022

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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Biological Resources

- No removal of vegetation is necessary, or will be authorized, as part of the proposed project activities.
- Staging or storage areas will occur in paved areas or level areas devoid of vegetation within Caltrans right-of-way.
- No work is authorized in Central Main Canal or other drainages. Possible debris or runoff, generated as a result of the work, shall be restricted to Caltrans right-of-way and directed away from the drainages to prevent deposition into the waterways.
- If modifications are made to the project plans, including the addition of staging areas, the Office of Environmental Stewardship and Ecological Studies must be notified so that a reevaluation may be completed.

Hazardous Waste

Aerially deposited lead (ADL)

It is unknown if the soil within the project area contains hazardous levels of ADL, therefore the soil must be assumed to be hazardous unless tested to show otherwise. All disturbed or excavated soil shall be wasted in the immediate area of disturbance. If project requires offsite disposal of any surplus soil, the surplus soil shall be tested for level of lead (total lead, CA-WET, DI-WET, and pH) to determine appropriate disposal requirements. The Contractor is responsible for identifying the appropriate permitted landfill to receive excavated material and for all associated trucking and disposal costs, including any additional sampling and analysis required by the receiving landfill.

A Lead Compliance Plan (LCP), as described under standard specification 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii), is required for workers performing construction activities involved with contaminated soil.

Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) (SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii))

An LCP, as described under standard specification 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii) and prepared by a certified industrial hygienist (CIH), is required and must be provided by the Contractor and implemented for all workers handling hazardous or non-hazardous soil as well as removal/application of any hazardous or non-hazardous lead-based paint, thermoplastic, painted traffic stripe, and/or pavement marking (Bid Item 070030). Regulations containing specific Cal/OSHA requirements when working with lead include 8 CA Code of Regs § 1532.1. The plan must:

1. Document the compliance program to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead.
2. Include items listed in 8 CA Code of Regs § 1532.1(e)(2)(B).
3. Be sealed and signed by a CIH with knowledge of and experience complying with 8 CA Code of Regs.

Allow 7 days for review. Obtain authorization for the plan before starting any activity that presents the potential for lead exposure.



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NPDES/Stormwater

Per the Caltrans Stormwater Project Planning and Design Guide (PPDG) July 2017, a DDO Project done under Force Account does not require a Storm Water Data Report (SWDR). However, an approved Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) will be required prior to the start of construction.