



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Arvin West ADA Improvements	
DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-223	PM/PM: 20.10/20.72
EA: 06-1C800	Federal-Aid Project Number: 0621000181
<u>Project Description</u>	
On SR 223 in the City of Arvin from 0.1 mile west of Comanche Dr. to Plumtree Dr. Install ADA curb ramps and Complete Streets elements including enhance visibility of existing cross walks, rehabilitate existing cross walks, and install new cross walks.	

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

G William "Trais" Norris, III	<i>G William "Trais" Norris, III</i>	7/26/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Michael Dennison	<i>Michael W. Dennison</i>	7/27/2022
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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)(3)
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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

G William "Trais" Norris, III

Print Name

J. William "Trais" Norris, III (handwritten signature)

Signature

7/26/2022

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 7/19/22

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/19/22

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:

Hazardous Waste

- A lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead.
- Residue from removal of yellow thermoplastic pavement marking and/or yellow painted traffic stripe may contain lead chromate. If yellow striping will be removed separately, SSP 14-11.12 is required for proper management of hazardous waste residue and a lead compliance plan.
- Include SSP 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and "Provide a safe and reliable transportation network that serves all people and respects the environment"
- SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste (TWW) will be required to address handling and disposal of any potential wood waste generated during the project (guard rail segments, signposts, etc.).
- If applicable to the project scope (the upgrade/installation of electrical systems is discussed in minor detail in the current project description), Revised Standard Specifications (RSSs) 14-11.15 will be used to dispose of electrical equipment requiring special handling, and SSP 87-21.03D will address the removal of electrical equipment designated as hazardous waste (electrical vehicle sensor nodes).

Biology

- If removal of tree or shrub vegetation is required during the avian nesting period, the project biologist must be notified ahead of vegetation removal.
- Pre-construction surveys for migratory nesting birds will be required and if construction occurs in the avian nesting season (Feb 1 - Sep 30). Surveys must be completed no more than 30 days prior to construction.
- Biological SSP 14-6.03B (Species protection for Migratory and Non-game Birds) will be required if nesting migratory birds are found within the BSA. The appropriate buffer sizes are shown in the table below:

Species	Buffer Size
Nesting Raptors (including Swainson's hawk)	500 feet
All Other Protected Nesting Birds	100 feet