



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

Project Information:

Project Name (if applicable): Pavement Replacement near Pumpkin Center

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-119

PM/PM: 30.1 to 30.9

EA: 06-1F440

Federal-Aid Project Number: NA

Project Description

The project is located on State Route 119 in Kern County from post mile 30.1 to 30.9. Work will occur in both the east and west directions of the roadway. The existing pavement is breaking into pieces, creating loose debris and potholes. Deteriorated pavement will be removed and replaced with hot mix asphalt (Type A). Traffic control will be implemented during construction. EFIS number 0622000236

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 1c.** (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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Signature

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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, 2022, 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

Best Management Practices:

- 1) General wildlife surveys will be conducted by a qualified biologist no more than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of ground disturbance or construction activities.



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- 2) After pre-construction surveys, if sensitive biological resources are observed, Caltrans may require environmental training for all personnel associated with the project.
- 3) If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (Feb 1-Sept 30), preconstruction surveys for nesting migratory birds will be required. If work must occur within the nesting season and nesting birds are found within the project area, the project may require a biological monitor or ESA buffer depending on the extent of work and species affected. Surveys for migratory birds and raptors will be completed no more than (30) days prior to construction and these surveys will be completed by a qualified biologist.
- 4) If any special-status species are observed within 150 feet of construction activity, work shall cease immediately. Work may resume after the project biologist has been consulted and the resident engineer is given written permission to resume work.
- 5) All vehicle operators will check under vehicles and equipment prior to operation.
- 6) All food related trash items and waste products shall be disposed of off-site.
- 7) If any wildlife is encountered during the course of construction, said wildlife shall be allowed to freely leave the area unharmed.