



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-BUT-162

PM/PM: 22.7/26.88; 30.1/31.7

EA: 03-2G760

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0322000155

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 3 proposes to use Double Chip Seal to rehabilitate a stretch of Route 162 from PM 22.7 to PM 26.8 and from PM 30.1 to PM 31.7 in Butte County.

The rehabilitation strategy uses the application of asphalt binder on existing pavement followed by a layer of aggregate chips. The treatment is then rolled to embed the aggregate into the binder. Localized areas of distress in the pavement will receive full depth AC surfacing replacement. Project activity includes dig outs and HMA overlay; and double chip seal. This project has been initiated to preserve the existing facility and prevent further deterioration of the roadway. (Continued page 3)

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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8/09/2022

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Project Manager

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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 (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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:



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Purpose

This project has been initiated to preserve the existing facility and prevent further deterioration of the roadway.

Need

As the pavement ages its condition will gradually deteriorate. The pavement condition report projects a maintenance project is warranted to increase the remaining service life of the existing pavement.

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 08/09/22

Staging

All staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

Disposal/Borrow

No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from ditch excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

Right-of Way

There are no right of way acquisitions. All work is being conducted within the State right of way.

Consultation/Coordination

No consultation/coordination are needed.

Permits

No permits are required.