



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Lardin/State Rte. 28 Rectangular Rapid-Flashing Beacon

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-PLA-28

PM/PM: 4.1/4.4

EA: 03-3J280

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to construct a new pedestrian crossing consisting of a crosswalk and pedestrian-activated rectangular rapid-flashing beacon (RRFB) to increase visibility and allow safe crossing at the intersection of Lardin Way and State Route (SR) 28 in Placer County. In the past years, the location of transit stops near the vicinity of Lardin Way has resulted in increased pedestrian traffic. This Operational Improvement project has been recommended to address the concerns of the community regarding safe pedestrian crossing and to help reduce potential for highway accidents at this location.

Project Description

Construction will include the placement of two poles/RRFBs (East and West), excavation for electrical utility placement, and the addition of continental crosswalk striping. Advance Warning signs for this crosswalk are to be placed at approximately PM 4.10(flashing) and PM 4.38(non-flashing). Maximum excavation depth is estimated to be approximately 7 feet deep for the RRFB foundations. Approximately 1,000 feet in length of pavement trench is estimated to run the electrical conduit that will connect the RRFB system with one advance flashing warning sign.

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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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

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A Print Name, N/A Signature, N/A Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

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

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:

Project Description Continued:

Additionally, pre-construction utility relocation will be conducted using approximately 17 test holes along the length of the proposed work to confirm location of utility pipelines. The maximum excavation depth for Geotechnical Drilling is estimated to be approximately 6 feet deep. The length of proposed potholes are estimated to be approximately 50 inches in diameter.

Staging:

The staging area, if required, is identified in the current project plan, which is within Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow:

The project would not utilize borrowed material. The contractor will be responsible for disposal of excess material. A minimum of 72 (CY) of soil disposal is expected.

Right-of-Way:

All work will occur within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Consultation/Coordination:

No Consultation/Coordination is required based on current scope of work.

Permits:

No environmental permits will be required.

Utility:

With the current project scope, utility relocation is not expected.