



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Vista Points Micro-surfacing

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-MEN-01

**PM/PM:** 10.5/74.1

**EA:** 01-0M040

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

This routine maintenance project by Caltrans will place micro-surfacing as a form of preventative maintenance at three vista points on Highway 1 from post mile 10.5 to 74.1 in Mendocino County. The project is state funded only. The work consists of replacing asphalt concrete surfacing, placing crack treatment, removing existing stripe and pavement markers, placing micro-surfacing, placing shoulder backing on existing shoulder backing (at locations with existing low shoulders at edge-of-pavement (EP), and replacing pavement delineation (*continued*).

**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].)

**Environmental Branch Chief**

Darrell Cardiff

09/22/2022

Print Name

Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Nanette Nickerson

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Signature

Date



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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)(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 / Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable) Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent. Enter date

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (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 (cont.)**

All work will be within the existing State right of way. Equipment staging will be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated turnouts. Construction area signs and portable changeable message signs will be placed at Men-1-9.7/11.3, Men-1-R54.1/R55.7, and MEN-1-73.3/74.9 with negligible soil disturbance. There will be no tree removal.

<b>Technical Studies Completed</b>	<b>Date Completed</b>
Biological No Effects Memo	5/16/2022
Cultural Studies Screening Memo	7/15/2022
Visual Impact Review	9/15/2022
Initial Site Assessment	3/22/2022
Water Quality Checklist	9/15/2022

No regulatory permits required.

The ISA has determined that the project may have minor hazardous waste issues to address.

Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL), which is commonly found in all highway shoulders, may be at a level that requires special handling of excess material. However, based on the anticipated work and minimal disturbance of soil associated with this project, this issue shall be addressed with SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) UNREGULATED EARTH MATERIALS CONTAINING LEAD.

The use of SSP 36-4 CONTAINING LEAD FROM PAINT AND THERMOPLASTIC will be required for residue from grinding activities that may contain lead from paint or thermoplastic.

The use of SSP 84-9.03B REMOVE TRAFFIC STRIPES AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS CONTAINING LEAD will be required for pavement delineation removal, if this method is preferred.

A Lead Compliance Plan as a contract item will be required for soil and delineation disturbance/removal.









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