



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): NEV 80 BWC Grind

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-NEV-80

PM/PM: 16.3/21.2

EA: 03-2G740

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a pavement rehabilitation project in Nevada County, Interstate 80, from Post Miles (PM) 16.3-21.2, to preserve the existing facility and prevent further deterioration of the roadway. This project is necessary since the pavement within the current project limits is beginning to crack and deteriorate over time. The Pavement Condition Report recommends a maintenance project to increase the remaining service life of the existing pavement and improve ride quality.

Project Description

This is a Highway Maintenance (HM) 122 Pavement Maintenance Project located in Nevada County on Interstate 80 approximately 0.6 miles East of Trout Creek Bridge (170031) undercrossing (UC) to approximately 0.01 miles East of Truckee River Bridge (170012). This project includes preventative and corrective maintenance strategies that help prolong the life of existing infrastructure. Construction work will include the removal of bonded wearing coarse (BWC) from Edge-of-Shoulder (ES) to ES, within the full project limits. Grinding, with a depth of 0.10', will occur on the existing Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) along eastbound truck lanes on Interstate 80. The grinding will only occur on the left and right wheel paths of the eastbound truck lanes. In addition, this project will pave back 0.10' of the Polyester Concrete truck lanes (wheel paths only). Removal and replacement of traffic stripes and markings will occur within the project limits. Slab replacement will also occur within the project limits. Slab replacement involves the full-depth, full lane width removal of a severely deteriorated concrete slab and replacing it with an appropriate repair material that meets the design life. There will be no changes to the existing drainage facilities.

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].)



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Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

<u>Jennifer Key</u>	<u><i>Jennifer Key</i></u>	<u>10/7/2022</u>
Print Name	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, 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: 10/3/22

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:

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 any disposal of excess material, if required.

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.