



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Chowchilla CAPM

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-MAD-233

PM/PM: 1.80/3.88

EA: 06-0W860

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0619000224

Project Description

This Capital Preventive Maintenance project is in Madera County in Chowchilla on State Route (SR) 233 from Avenue 241/2 (PM 1.80) to N99 & 233 Connector Bridge (PM 3.88). This project will resurface the existing pavement to extend the pavement service life; replace the existing damaged concrete cross gutters (valley gutters); replace and upgrade existing AC dikes and guardrails to current standards; modify traffic signals at 15th St, 11th St, 5th St, and Chowchilla Blvd; update Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements; enhance the visibility of existing pedestrian crosswalk between 8th and 6th Street along Veteran Memorial Park and school crossings at 13th Street; replace existing pavement striping and markers, and roadside signs to meet current standards.

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. c) (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

Trais Norris

J. William "Trais" Norris, AIA

11/14/2022

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Mike Day

Mike Day

11/15/22

Print Name

Signature

Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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)(22)
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

Trais Norris
Print Name
Signature: J William "Trais" Norris, AIA
Date: 11/14/2022

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Mike Day
Print Name
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Date: 11/15/22

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 11/4/22
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/4/22

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:

See attached ECR.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - MAD - 233 **PM/PM:** 1.800/3.880 **EA/Project ID:** 06-0W860_ / 0619000224

Project Description: Rehabilitate pavement and upgrade Transportation Management System elements, roadside signs and guardrail.

Date (Last modification): 11/4/2022

Environmental Planner: Jeff Sorensen

Phone: 559-383-5566

Construction Liaison:

Phone:

Resident Engineer:

Phone:

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	Pre-construction survey will be required no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction.	Env Doc		Raj Gill	Notify biologist 30 days prior to construction.		_____	_____		
							Signature	Date		

CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Air Quality	Caltrans Standard Specifications 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" apply.	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	Maya Hildebrand	Include in bid package.		_____	_____		
							Signature	Date		
Biology	If nesting migratory birds are found, the project may require biological monitoring and Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) buffers. Biological SSP 14-6.03A and 14-6.03B will be required if nesting birds are found in the BSA during the avian nesting season.	SSP	SSP	Raj Gil	Include SSP's in bid package.		_____	_____		
							Signature	Date		
Hazardous Waste	If traffic markers/stripping are to be removed separately from pavement, SSP 14-11.12 may be required. For traffic markers/stripping removed with pavement SSP 36-4 will be required. If Treated Wood Waste will be generated and NSSP 14-11.14 will also be required	SSP SSP NSSP		Susan Greenwood	Include in bid package.		_____	_____		
							Signature	Date		
Noise	Standard Specifications Section 14-8 "Noise Control" applies.	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	Allam Alhabaly	Include in bid package.		_____	_____		
							Signature	Date		

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Water Quality	Standard Specification Section 13-1 for water quality applies.	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	Rogerio Leong	Include in bid package.					
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Signature

Date