

# Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** (Public Agency): \_\_\_\_\_

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(Address)

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: \_\_\_\_\_

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?    Yes    No

Signature: Rajpreet Bihala    Date: \_\_\_\_\_    Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by Lead Agency    Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_



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

<b><u>Project Information</u></b>	
<b>Project Name (if applicable):</b> Floriston Safety Improvements Project	
<b>DIST-CO-RTE:</b> 03-NEV-80	<b>PM/PM:</b> 25.5-27.4
<b>EA:</b> 03-2J910	<b>Federal-Aid Project Number:</b>
<b><u>Project Description</u></b>	
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes this Safety Improvement project between PMs 25.5 and 27.4 along Interstate 80 (I-80) in Nevada (NEV) County. This project intends to restore the surface of the existing Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement (JPCP) through diamond grinding and grooving and applying polyester concrete overlay, as well as repairing the existing drainage system and striping. This project will also remove and replace damaged concrete barriers to meet the current Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards. (cont on pg 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**

Robert Wall	<i>Robert Wall</i>	11/29/22
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Mohan Bonala	<i>Mohan Bonala</i>	11/30/2022
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

Robert Wall
Print Name
Signature: Robert Wall
Date: 11/29/22

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Mohan Bonala
Print Name
Signature: Bhagawan
Date: 11/30/2022

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 11/2/2022
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/2/2022

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 (cont.)**

Traffic collisions in combination with low pavement friction conditions increased the need to repair the pavement section on the eastbound direction at I-80.

Based on the Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis System (TASAS), a total of 34 collisions occurred within the segment of I-80 from PM 26.0 to 27.357. Moreover, the total rate of fatal and injury related collisions is above the statewide average for similar facilities. This rate exceeds statewide average for similar facilities where 50% of the collisions happened due to speeding and nearly 50% of the collisions occurred during wet, snowy, and icy conditions.

The project proposes the following:

- Diamond grinding and grooving to restore ride quality and surface texture. In addition, applying a surface preservation treatment of polyester concrete overlay to reduce pavement deterioration and replacement of pavement striping.
- Remove and replace in-kind sections of damaged concrete barrier Type 732 and concrete barrier Type 60. Temporary railing (Type K) will be removed and replaced to meet new Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware (MASH) standards.
- Rehabilitate and repair the drainage system between PMs 27.26 and 27.32. This includes replacing the sand traps and repairing and replacing the existing Rock Slope Protection (RSP).

#### **Staging**

If required, staging would occur within Caltrans right-of-way

#### **Right of Way**

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way

#### **Consultation and Agency Coordination**

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of this project, consultation and agency coordination are not required.

#### **Permits**

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits are not required.