



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Redwood Valley Bus Stop

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-MEN-101

**PM/PM:** 32.63/32.63

**EA:** 01-0M100

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

**Project Description**

Caltrans proposes improvements to the Redwood Valley Bus Stop at post mile 32.63 on US Highway 101 in Mendocino County. All work would occur within the State right of way. Biological, cultural, visual, water quality, air quality, noise and hazardous waste analysis have been completed for the project. (Continued on Page 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(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**

Jason Meyer		12/06/2022
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Christopher Ghidinelli		12/06/2022
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

Jason Meyer (Print Name), [Signature] (Signature), 12/06/2022 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Christopher Ghidinelli (Print Name), [Signature] (Signature), 12/06/2022 (Date)

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/28/2022



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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).

Continuation sheet:

The purpose of this project is to improve safety for pedestrians accessing the bus stop, improve maneuverability and safety for buses entering and exiting the bus stop, and to reduce non-transit parking near the onramp. The project is needed because the existing user parking and the bus shelter at this bus stop are currently on opposite sides of the road, creating a need for pedestrians to cross a busy street. This project would move the bus stop for Mendocino Transit Authority (MTA) Routes 20 and 65 for NB and SB to a single location. Work would involve removing the existing bus shelter on West Road and relocating the MTA bus stop to enter and exit off North State Street. The new bus stop would have a bus shelter and parking area. A park-and-ride and lighting would be incorporated. Minor improvements would be made to the drainage inlets near the existing bus stop, and deterrents would be placed to remove non-transit related parking from the existing gravel areas near the 101 interchange. Approximately 1300 cubic yards of excavated soil would be applied on site, on the median between US 101 NB Offramp and North State Street.

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- Water quality BMPs will be utilized
- Noise from work activities would be controlled and monitored
- A Lead Compliance Plan will be included as a contract item
- A National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) notification will be provided to Mendocino County Air Quality Management District
- Non-native invasive species control will be implemented
- Standard protection measures will be utilized to avoid and minimize impacts to migratory birds









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