



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** State Route (SR) 33 (Derrick Avenue) to SR180 (Oller Street) Roundabout, City of Mendota, California.

**DIST-CO-RTE:** District 6, Fresno County, SR 180 & 33 **PM/PM:** Fre-33/180-62/R62.4

**EA:** 06-1E340      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** CML-5285(025)

**Project Description**

The proposed roundabout will have an inscribed diameter of 140', and a single lane of traffic for all approaches. An approach towards Naples Ave (Approach "B") was added to allow future access to a potential commercial or light industrial development. The circulator roadway will be 20' wide. The concrete apron will be 100' in diameter with a center island 74' in diameter. The apron will have a mountable curb to allow larger vehicles and semi-trucks and trailers to navigate through the roundabout. There will be an approximately 4' wide outside truck apron on the south side to accommodate STAA vehicles to drive NB SR 33 to EB SR180.

Per the Caltrans Highway design manual, an 8' wide shared-use path on the outside of the roundabout for bicyclist and pedestrian movement is proposed. Bicycle ramps will be placed at a 35-degree angle to the departure roadway to encourage bicyclists to enter the shared-use path at a lower speed. All other improvements, to include accessible curb ramps, curb, gutter, sidewalk, and other improvement will follow the current California Highway Design Manual and State Standard Plans as applicable. An 8' wide protected bike lane will be provided on the now empty space on the west side of the proposed roundabout.

The Project involves one right of way (ROW) acquisition and one temporary construction easement (TCE). The potential ROW acquisition is approximately 0.25 acres and the potential TCE is approximately 0.3 acres.

**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.** 15301(c) EXISTING FACILITIES. (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**

<u>Jason Adair for Javier Almaguer</u>	<u><i>Jason Adair</i></u>	<u>12-21-2022</u>
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

<u>Khalid Dahir</u>	<u><i>Khalid Dahir</i></u>	<u>12-21-2022</u>
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)( 27)
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 Adair for Javier Almaguer
Signature: Jason Adair
Date: 12-21-2022

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Khalid Dahir
Signature: Khalid Dahir
Date: 12-21-2022

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 12/21/2022
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 12/21/2022

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:**

See the attached Environmental Commitments Record.



## Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

**DIST-CO-RTE:** District 6, Fresno County, SR 180 & 33      **PM/PM:** Fre-33/180-62/R62.4      **EA/Project ID.:** 06-1E340  
**Project Description:** State Route (SR) 33 (Derrick Avenue) to SR180 (Oller Street) Roundabout, City of Mendota, California.  
**Date (Last modification):** 12/21/22  
**Environmental Planner:** Cesar Madrigal      **Phone No.:** 559-383-5468  
**Construction Liaison:**      **Phone No.:**  
**Resident Engineer:**      **Phone No.:**

### PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirement Completed by:	Permit Requirement Completed on:	Comments
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### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

#### PA&ED

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#### PS&E/BEFORE RTL

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Hazardous Waste	<b>Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-11.14 –</b> Applies if treated wood waste is shown on the Bid item list.	Haz Waste	Yes	Kai Pavel	Enter action	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response
Hazardous Waste	<b>Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 7-1.02K(6)(iii)</b> <b>Earth Material Containing Lead –</b> Handling of unregulated soils.	Haz Waste	Yes	Kai Pavel	Enter action	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response
Hazardous Waste	<b>Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 36-4 Residue</b> <b>Containing Lead from Paint and Thermoplastic -</b> Removal of striping/traffic marking via cold planning/grinding.	Haz Waste	Yes	Kai Pavel	Enter action	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response

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**ROW/PURCHASING**

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**PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

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Biology	<p>BIO-1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project's vegetation removal and construction activities should occur, if feasible, between October 1 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season).</li> <li>If these activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 30), a qualified biologist should conduct a pre-construction survey for all nesting birds within the Project area and an additional 50 feet, no more than seven (7) days prior to the start of construction. All raptor nests would be considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.</li> <li>On discovery of any active nests or breeding colonies near work areas, a biologist should determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW and/or USFWS guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Construction buffers for non-special status passerines will be set at 50 ft. and non-special status raptors will be set at 500 ft. Construction buffers should be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and should be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.</li> </ul>	No Effects Memo, Page 6	Select a response	Javier Almaguer	Pre-construction survey for nesting birds	No more than 7 days prior to construction, if within nesting bird season	P&P	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response

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Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control"</b> – Comply with air-pollution-control rules, regulations, ordinances, and statues that apply to work performed under the Contract, including those provided in Govt Code § 11017 (Pub Cont Code § 10231).</li> </ul>	Air Quality Memo, Page 6	Select a response	Michael Osborn	Enter action	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response
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Hazardous Waste	The General Contractor will provide a Lead Compliance Plan for ADL.	Phase 1	Yes	Kai Pavel	Preparation of Lead Compliance Plan	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response
Paleontology	<b>Caltrans Standard Specification 14-7.03 "Discovery of Unanticipated Paleontological Resources"</b> – If unanticipated paleontological resources are discovered at the job site, do not the disturb the resources immediately. Stop all work within the 60-foot radius of the discovery, secure the area, and notify the project engineer. The department investigates the discovery and modifies the dimensions of the secured area if needed. Do not move paleontological resources or take them from the job site. Do not resume work within the radius of the discovery until authorized.	Paleontology Memo, Page 5	Select a response	Adam Inman	Enter action	Enter date	Enter Name	Enter date	Enter remarks	Select a response
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**POST-CONSTRUCTION**

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