



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): LA-110 Middle Mile Broadband Network (MMBN)

DIST-CO-RTE: 07-LA-110

PM/PM: 9.9/22.5

EA: 388301

Project Description

The proposed scope of work is to install broadband conduit and fiber as part of the Middle Mile Broadband Network. Installation of broadband conduit and fiber will include trenching below ground in a 12" wide trench at a 42"-48" depth, trenchless technologies when applicable, and installation on structures using Caltrans Structures design with intermittent vaults (4'x4'x4' size) approximately every 2500 feet. This project is exempt, by statute, from CEQA due to Section 21080.51 of the California Public Resources Code. The project is located on LA-110, PM 9.9/22.5 in Los Angeles County.

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** Enter class. (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 Roach

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Signature

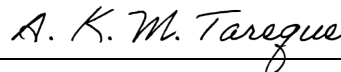
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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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)(2)
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.

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Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/10/2022



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Continuation sheet:

Hazardous Waste:

Minimum Disturbance of ADL Contaminated Soil

Installation of Conduit in dirt shoulder by the trenching method will disturb the soil in the project area that will be placed back in the immediate area of disturbance. There is a concern that the construction crew may encounter ADL-contaminated soil in the process with the potential for exposure to lead. All disturbed soil must remain on site. To protect workers, the contractor is required to prepared Lead Compliance Plan (LCP). Please refer to the latest Contract Cost Database (<http://sv08web/contractcost/>) for the funds that need to be allocated for the lump sum cost of the Contractor's LCP.

Per the HQ BMMN Hazardous Waste Guideline, for embankments, it is recommended to place the conduits as high on the embankment as possible to avoid ADL.

Asbestos Materials and Lead Based Paint

Per the HQ BMMN Hazardous Waste Guideline, Lead-Based Paint (LBP) survey will be required if there are more than 50 drill holes on painted structure. Based on a site reconnaissance through Google Maps, there are areas on the retaining wall that has splotches of paint that is most likely used to cover graffiti. These areas are not continuous and only cover a small portion of the retaining wall, so it should not exceed the 50 drill holes. The work associated with the bridge or box culvert structures is considered demolition and rehabilitation activities. Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) is a concern and may have been used in the bridge shim plates, weep holes, and joint seal sealants. The US EPA established the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). Under the Health & Safety Code § 39658(b)(1), your demolition and rehabilitation activities must comply with 40 CFR 61, Subpart M (National Emission Standard for Asbestos). In addition, during bridge or box culvert structure work, LBP maybe encountered.

Per the HQ BMMN Hazardous Waste Guideline, NESHAP notification is not required if less than 35 square feet of the bridge structure is disturbed.