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Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Firebaugh 33/12 Ave Intersection

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-FRE-33

PM/PM:70.10/70.20

EA: 06-1E890

Project Description

The proposed project is located at the State Route 33 and 12th Street intersection in the City of Firebaugh in Fresno County. The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the existing pavement and upgrade the traffic intersection elements such as ADA ramps, signal lights, and intersection lighting to standard. The project is needed to address deteriorated pavement conditions that result in poor ride quality and to bring current traffic elements up to standard. This project proposes to remove 0.25 feet of existing pavement and replacing with 0.25 of Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A). Additionally, the project proposes upgrading ADA ramps, existing signal lights, and intersection lighting to standard. This project will require additional ROW.

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

Javier Almaguer

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Signature

02/06/2023

Date

Project Manager

Ellery Ellis

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03/01/2024

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, 2019, 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)
[] Activity 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitments Record or equivalent: 11/16/22



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Continuation Sheet:

Air Quality

- Caltrans Standard Specifications 14-9.02 “Air Pollution Control” and Section 10-5 “Dust Control” require the contractor to comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District’s rules, ordinances, and regulations and that apply to work performed under the contract, including those provided in Government Code 11017.
- A Dust Control Plan approved by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will be required if the project disturbs over 5 acres or removes 2,500 cubic yards of soil for at least three days of the project.

Biology

- If construction occurs into the avian nesting season (February 1 to September 31), pre-construction surveys for migratory birds will be required. If any active bird nests are found, nests shall be designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area and protected (while active) during project-related activities. Environmentally Sensitive Area buffers include but not be limited to 500 feet for Nesting Raptors, and 100 feet for all other migratory birds. No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval from a Caltrans biologist.
- On-site biological monitoring will be required if an active nest is observed within the Biological Study Area to ensure work will not impact any nesting birds.

Cultural

- The project as currently proposed has no potential to impact historic resources or properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, California Register of Historical Resources or California Historic Landmarks. This project is exempt from further review, no additional archaeological or built environment studies are required at this time. If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Noise

- Do not exceed the maximum sound level of 86 A-weighted decibels at 50 feet from job site activities from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- All internal combustion engines should be equipped with the manufacturer recommended muffler. Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.

Water Quality

- If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, the contractor would be required to prepare a Water Pollution Control Program per Caltrans’ 2018 Standard Specifications Section 13-1 Water Pollution.
- If the project disturbs one acre or more of soil, the following requirements would be required:
 - A Notification of Intent is to be submitted to the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board at least 30 days before the start of construction.



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- A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is to be prepared and implemented during construction to the satisfaction of the Resident Engineer.
- A Notice of Termination shall be submitted to the Regional Board upon completion of construction and site stabilization. A project will be considered complete when the criteria for final stabilization in the Construction General Permit are met.

Hazardous Waste

- A Lead Compliance Plan developed by a certified industrial hygienist is required for construction and to be supplied by the contractor. Caltrans' Standard Special Provisions Section 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead requires a Lead Compliance Plan when lead concentrations are nonhazardous (below 1,000 milligrams/kilograms of total lead and below 5 milligrams per liter of soluble lead) or whenever disturbance (e.g., excavation) of earth material (i.e., soil) that could result in lead exposure will occur, and disposal in a permitted landfill is not required. The estimated cost of the Lead Compliance is \$3,000.
- Caltrans' Standard Special Provisions Section 14-11.09 Minimal Disturbance of Regulated Material Containing Aerially Deposited Lead address the need for a Lead Compliance Plan for soil disturbance and proper management of the Aerially Deposited Lead impacted soils.
- Residue from removing yellow thermoplastic pavement markings and/or yellow painted traffic stripes may contain lead chromate. Residue produced from the separate removal of any yellow thermoplastic pavement markings and/or yellow painted traffic stripes may contain heavy metals in concentrations that exceed thresholds established by the Health and Safety Code and 22 California Code of Regulations. Standard Special Provisions Section 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B would be included for work involving residue from grinding and cold planning that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a Lead Compliance Plan. (Please note that one Lead Compliance Plan may address soil and paint/marketing materials).