



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): San Joaquin Bridge Maintenance

DIST-CO-RTE: 10-SJ-5

PM/PM: R19.58/R23.93

EA: 10-1P720

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes maintenance repairs on ten (10) different bridges at six locations along Interstate (I) 5, between post miles R19.58 and R23.93, in San Joaquin County (see Continuation Sheet). The scope of work at these bridges includes deck resurfacing, replacing joint seals, bridge approach overlay, patching spalls, rail repairs, and/or sidewalk repairs. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to provide preventative maintenance to deteriorating sections of these bridges. The project is needed to minimize future rehabilitation needs and maintain the bridge functionality.

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

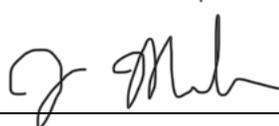
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- 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

Elizabeth Hummel		04/24/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jason Miller		4/24/23
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

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 Commitment Record or equivalent: 04/24/2023

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:

Location	Post Mile	Bridge #	Bridge Name	Work Description
1	R19.58	29-0216R	ROTH ROAD Under Crossing	Deck Resurface, Joint seal replacement, Slab Overlay& Replace, Railing Repair, Super patch spall
2	R21.44	29-0218L	MATHEWS ROAD Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Approach Overlay
3	R21.44	29-0218R	MATHEWS ROAD Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Approach Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Super patch spalls
4	R21.70	29-0219L	HOSPITAL ROAD Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Approach Replace, Approach Overlay, Joint seal replacement
5	R21.70	29-0219R	HOSPITAL ROAD Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Replace Approach, Approach Overlay, Joint seal replacement
6	R23.25	29-0221L	FRENCH CAMP SLOUGH	Deck Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Approach Overlay, Approach Repair
7	R23.25	29-0221R	FRENCH CAMP SLOUGH	Deck Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Approach Replace & Overlay & repair
8	R23.66	29-0222L	DOWNING AVENUE Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Replace Approach, Approach Overlay
9	R23.66	29-0222R	DOWNING AVENUE Under Crossing	Deck Overlay, Joint seal replacement, Replace Approach, Approach Overlay, Rail Repair, Provide Inspection Access
10	R23.93	29-0223R	WALKER SLOUGH	Repair the collapsed sidewalk at Abutment 6 adjacent to Bent 5. Also backfilled the entire undermined area underneath the sidewalk.

General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

- Contact the Environmental Office to attend the pre-construction meeting.

Cultural:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:



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1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
2. Protect the discovery area
3. Notify the Engineer
4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.

- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Hazardous Waste:

- A lead compliance plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist is required and grinding must be sampled and disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) shall be included in the construction contract.

- Caltrans SSP 14-11.12 shall be added to the construction contract and the Contractor shall manage the removed stripe and pavement marking as a hazardous waste.

- Caltrans Non-Standard Special Provision (nSSP) 14-11.16, pertaining to Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) in bridges, shall be included in the contract. All bridges with concrete disturbance or joint seal removal will require testing for ACBM prior to the start of construction related activities.

- Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) are known to occur in bridge baring pad, shims, mastic material, and/or concrete. The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) notification shall be completed by the contractor prior to the start of construction activities. Caltrans non-Standard Special Provision nSSP 14-9.02 shall be included in the construction contract.

Biology:

- At Locations 6, 7, and 10 (bridges 29-0221L, 29-0221R, and 29-0223R) – If construction occurs during migratory bird nesting season (February 1 – September 30), a preconstruction bird survey will be completed by a Caltrans qualified biologist within 14 days prior to the start of any construction related activities. Contact the Environmental office 30 days prior to the start of construction to schedule the survey. If an active nest is discovered, a 100-foot protective buffer will be established around it. If an active hawk nest is discovered, a 300-foot protective buffer will be required. If an active Swainson's hawk nest is discovered, a 600-foot protective buffer will be required. No construction related activities will occur within the protective buffer limits until the



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young have fledged. If work does not commence within 14 days of the preconstruction bird survey clearance, or if work halts for more than 14 days, a subsequent bird survey will be required prior to the commencement or recommencement of any construction related activities. Include Caltrans SSP 14-6.03A in the contract so that a pre-construction bird survey is completed at Locations 6, 7, and 10.

- At Location 10 (bridge 29-0223R) – Marked stakes and/or colored flags are required to be installed prior to the start of construction related activities at this location. The stakes will delineate the Walker Slough limits, where no construction activities are permitted. The marked stakes will be installed by a Caltrans Biologist within fourteen (14) days prior to the start of construction and placed approximately five (5) feet apart along the Walker Slough limits. Caltrans SSP 14-6.03A shall be included in the construction contract.