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Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Oakhurst HMA Digouts

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-MAD-41

PM/PM: 35.40/36.20

EA: 06-1F970

Project Description

The proposed project is in the census-designated area of Oakhurst in Madera County off the State Route 41. The purpose of this project is to preserve, repair, and extend the life of the existing pavement and improve the ride quality of the roadway through the project limits. This Minor-B project proposes to cold plane 0.25 feet of existing Asphalt Concrete Pavement and replace with 0.25 feet of Hot Mix Asphalt (Type A) at spot locations of distressed pavement along with replacing loop detectors within Caltrans ROW that have existing pull boxes. No ROW acquisition will occur.

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

Print Name


Signature

06/02/23

Date

Project Manager

Rene Sanchez

Print Name


Signature

6/7/23

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, 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
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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitments Record or equivalent: 6/1/23



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Continuation Sheet:

Cultural

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.



Attachment B: Mitigation and Compliance Cost Estimate (MCCE)

PART 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION

DIST-CO-RTE: 6 - MAD - 041 **PM/PM:** 35.400/36.200

EA/Project Number: 06-1F970_ / 0623000125

Project Name: OAKHURST HMA DIGOUTS

Form Completed by: Cesar Madrigal

Project Manager: SANCHEZ, RENE **Phone:**

Date: 5/30/2023

PART 2 - ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS FOR PERMANENT IMPACTS

Environmental Commitments for Alternative:

Commitment	Design \$	FY	Ac/Crd	ROW \$ Planned	FY	Construction \$	FY
No Mitigation Cost Required At This Time							

PART 3 - PERMITS AND AGREEMENTS

Permit/Agreement	ROW \$ Planned	FY	Construction \$	FY
TOTAL	\$0.00			

Approved by:

Javier Almaguer

Environmental Branch Chief (Print Name)

Javier Almaguer
Signature

5/30/23

Date

If Right of Way Capital is needed:

Sara Blum

Right-of-Way Office Chief (Print Name)

Sara Blum
Signature

5/30/23

Date

If cultural and biology mitigation totals more than \$500,000:

Environmental Office Chief (Print Name)

Signature

Date

Submitted to PM on: _____ Initial _____

Comments (explanation and risk management plan attached)