



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Stanislaus County Bridge Maintenance

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 10-STA-99,132

**PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:** 10-1N420

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes bridge maintenance at twelve (12) different bridges at various locations in Stanislaus County on State Routes 99 and 132 (see Continuation Sheet). The scope of work proposes to install approach slabs, replace joint seals, treat bridge decks with methacrylate, apply polyester concrete overlay to the bridge deck and approach slabs, heat straighten steel girders, and/or inject epoxy in cracks. All work will occur in Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to provide essential maintenance to deteriorating sections of these bridges. The project is needed to minimize future rehabilitation needs and maintain 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	<i>Elizabeth Hummel</i>	08/10/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Jason Miller	<i>Jason Miller</i>	8/10/2023
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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: 08/10/2023

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:**

<b>Loc #</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>PM</b>	<b>Bridge No.</b>	<b>Location Description</b>	<b>Scope of Work</b>
1	99	R10.03	38-0007	Ceres Main Canal	Treat bridge decks and approach and departure slabs with methacrylate.
2	99	R10.03	38-0007S	Ceres Main Canal	Treat bridge decks and approach and departure slabs with methacrylate.
3	99	R15.10	38-0096R	Tuolumne Blvd. Undercrossing	Remove and replace joint seals at Abutment 3, remove existing pavement and place polyester concrete overlay on bridge deck and approach slabs, roadway conform taper to the bridge approach slabs and patch deck spalls.
4	99	R15.75	38-0089	H Street Overcrossing	Treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
5	99	R15.85	38-0090	I Street Overcrossing	Treat bridge deck with methacrylate and repair spalls on bridge deck and bridge rails, repair chain link fence.
6	99	R16.03	38-0091	K Street Overcrossing	Treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
7	99	R17.51	38-0087	Woodland Ave. Overcrossing	Place polyester concrete overlay, conform taper roadway to bridge deck, ADA sidewalk and replace guardrail with Metal Beam Guard Rail.
8	99	R20.22	38-0149	Beckwith Road Overcrossing	Treat bridge deck with methacrylate and conform taper roadway to bridge deck.
9	132	15.64	38-0152	Dry Creek	Remove and replace joint seals and treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
10	132	R43.77	38-0154	Tuolumne River	Remove and replace joint seals and treat bridge deck with methacrylate.
11	132	46.82	38-0062	Snake Ravine	Treat bridge deck with methacrylate, remove ac on bridge, repair bridge rail and deck, and conform taper roadway to bridge.



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12	99	R7.80	38-0156Y	Keyes Road Overhead	Remove and replace joint seals, install approach and departure slabs, roadway conform taper to approach slabs, replace guardrail with Metal Beam Guard Rail, repair sidewalk, place polyester concrete overlay and place embankment backfill adjacent to Abutment 1.
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### 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:
  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.
- For Location 11 (Bridge No. 38-0062) at STA/132/46.82: All design, scope, or project limit changes pre- and during construction must be approved by an Architectural Historian (AH) prior to implementation of those changes. Contact the D10 Environmental Office if project changes are proposed as reevaluation may be required. The Resident Engineer will provide any project design changes for review and approval prior to the changes being implemented. The AH will



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ensure that any proposed design changes are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards Action Plan.

- For Location 11 (Bridge No. 38-0062) at STA/132/46.82: Following completion of the project, the RE will notify the D10 Environmental Office. The D10 Environmental Office will arrange to photograph the bridge and the project area to document that the project was constructed to plans. The Architectural Historian will complete a Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) update for the historical resource that will be filed at the Central California Information Center.

### **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 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 bearing 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.
- The residue from grinding or cold planing contains lead from paint and thermoplastic striping or markings. The average lead concentrations are less than 1,000 mg/kg total lead and 5 mg/L soluble lead. Management of this material exposes workers to health hazards that must be addressed in your lead compliance plan. Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 36-4 shall be added to the contract.

### **Biology**

- For locations 9, 10, 11: 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 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



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subsequent bird survey will be required prior to the commencement or recommencement of any construction related activities. Include Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-6.03A in the contract.

No permits required.