



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** GLE-5-CAPM

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-GLE-005

**PM/PM:** 20.00/28.821

**EA:** 03-0J380

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0319000278

**Project Description**

The proposed project is located in Glenn County on Interstate 5 (I-5) from 0.2 mile north of County Road 28 Overcrossing (OC) (11-0076) to the Tehama County Line. This project proposes to preserve and extend the life of existing pavement; upgrade Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) features, overhead signs, two-post ground mounted signs, and Transportation Management Systems (TMS) elements; rehabilitate or replace drainage systems; replace concrete barrier and guardrail; replace vegetation control under guardrail and paving beyond the gore areas. (See page 3)

**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**

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| Print Name    | Signature                          | Date   |

**Project Manager**

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| Ephrem Teweldeberhan | <i>Ephrem Teweldeberhan</i> | 7/6/2023 |
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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)(22)
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

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Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:**

**Purpose:** The project will preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement by addressing existing pavement in fair conditions. The project will also extend the life of drainage systems near the end of their service life, upgrade nonstandard guardrail and ADA curb ramp to current standards, upgrade/replace/add TMS elements, and improve Caltrans worker safety.

**Need:** Based on the Pavem Survey Report, a total of 34.4 lane miles (100%) of existing flexible pavement is projected to be in fair condition by the construction year 2026 and is expected to further deteriorate in the absence of proper action. The Pavem Survey Report projects that the existing flexible pavement will exhibit a lane weighted average of 10.37% alligator B cracking, 0.16 inches of rutting, and 83 inches/mile on the International Roughness Index by the construction year 2026.

### **Staging**

If required, all staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

### **Disposal/Borrow**

No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from ditch excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

### **Right-of Way**

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way.

### **Consultation/Agency Coordination**

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required for this project.

### **Permits**

Based on the proposed scope of work, no regulatory permits are required.