



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Manila Gateway Monuments

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-HUM-255

**PM/PM:** 2.54/4.91

**EA:**01-0N510

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

**Project Description**

The scope of this project includes installing a new entry-way monument at both ends of the incorporated town of Manila. The purpose of this Clean California Beautification Project is to create a sense of community for the town of Manila. This area features several residential neighborhoods along with a school. Having new monuments that express to the motorist that they are entering a small community will hopefully result in more cautious and appropriate driving through the area. Highway 255 runs directly through the center of Manila, requiring residents to frequently travel across the highway. To highlight the proposed gateway monuments, landscaping may be required around the sign locations.

**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**

Cassie Nichols

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09/13/2023

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Signature

Date

**Project Manager**

Julia Peterson

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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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

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

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/13/2023

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:**

Biological, Cultural, Hazardous Waste, Visual and Water Quality Reviews have been completed. This project is located in the coastal zone and may require a Coastal Development Permit.

Minor hazardous waste issues on the project would be addressed with Caltrans Standard Special Provisions (SSP) and include:

- Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) which is commonly found in all highway shoulders, may be in concentrations that require a special handling of excess materials. Based on the minimal ground disturbance with this project SPP 7-1.02K(g)(j)(iii) UNREGULATED EARTH MATERIAL CONTAINING LEAD will be required.
- A Lead Compliance Plan as a contract item will be required for soil disturbance and removal.

No avoidance or minimization measures are required.