



**CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Trinity County Bridge Maintenance

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-TRI-3, 36, 299 **PM/PM:** VAR

EA: 02-3J320 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0222000034

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state funding only, is proposing bridge maintenance work on bridges in Trinity County. The maintenance work will take place on 16 bridges in Trinity County located on State Routes 3, 36, and 299 at various post mile locations.

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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 1c.** (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

Julie McFall

Print Name


Signature

9/19/23

Date

Project Manager

Brandon Trent

Print Name


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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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

NA Print Name, NA Signature, NA Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): NA

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/19/23

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:

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Additional work

Work will consist of: repairing unsound concrete, treatment of bridge decks with methacrylate, replacing polyester concrete overlays, replacing joint seals, replacing approach/departure slabs, repaving the conforms at bridge approaches/departures to ensure smooth transitions, placing concrete anchor blocks along with new Type-WB transitions/metal beam guardrail (MBGR), placement of shoulder backing, and replacing striping/markers.

Purpose: This project will perform maintenance on 16 bridges in Trinity County to extend their useful life.

Need: The 16 bridges in this project have experienced wear and damage as a result of traffic and the elements, thus shortening their expected life.

Right-of-Way

Acquisitions or TCEs will not be needed for this project due to work being confined to the Caltrans Right of Way.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging areas for all bridge locations will include existing shoulders, medians, lanes and previously disturbed areas within Caltrans ROW and within approximately 200 ft of each bridge.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

The project will not utilize borrowed material. If any excess material is generated, it will become the property of the contractor.

Coordination/Consultation

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a field review of the project area was completed by cultural staff. Once review was completed it was determined the proposed scope of work has no potential to affect cultural resources.

Permits

The project will be covered under the Construction General Permit, additional environmental permits will not be necessary.