



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Davis Street OC and Court Street OC Bridge Rail upgrade

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-TUL-99

**PM/PM:** 12.6/12.8

**EA:** 06-1F750

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 063000074

**Project Description**

The purpose of this project is to fix the railing that sits on top of the structural barriers in order to improve the sight distance for public motorists. Additionally, curb ramps will be included to ensure that they comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, on State Route 99 in Tulare County from Post Mile 12.6 to 12.8. This project will also replace the existing chain-link fence railing with a tubular handrail, construct the four ADA ramps on all corners of the Davis Avenue Overcrossing, and create new striping for potential cross walks.

**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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9/19/2023

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**Project Manager**

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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)()

[ ] 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 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): 9/19/2023

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/19/2023

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:**

#### **Air Quality:**

##### **Non-Standard Special Provisions:**

If the project disturbs over 5 acres or removes 2,500 cubic yards of soil for at least three days of the project, a Dust Control Plan (DCP) approved by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will be required for this project.

#### **Hazardous Waste:**

A Lead Compliance Plan will be required at an estimated cost of \$3500. Appropriate SSPs will be edited and provided at PS&E.

#### **Water Quality:**

If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, a Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor per the Caltrans 2022 Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution.

#### **Biology:**

If construction activities occur during the bird nesting season (February 1st to September 30th), a qualified biologist should be notified 30 days prior to the start of construction in order to conduct a focused survey for active bird nests in the project vicinity. If any active bird nests are found, nests shall be designated as an environmentally sensitive area (ESA) and protected (while active) during project-related activities. ESA buffers may include, but are not limited to, 500 feet for Swainson's hawk and other raptors and 100 feet for passerine species. No trees shall be removed within the nesting season without prior approval by a Caltrans Biologist.