



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** SR 168 & 180 RMS Maintenance

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-FRE-168/180                      **PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:** 06-1G280                      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation proposes a project to repair/replace (9) Ramp Metering Systems (RMS) in Fresno County at various location on Routes 168 and 180. The RMS locations will be repaired by replacing the existing cabinets with new onto existing foundations and the advance warning signs and poles with new Type 1A poles and foundations at the same locations. Work off the paved roadway and ground disturbance is proposed.

**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**

Pedram Mafi		10/05/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Anthony Lopez	p.p. <i>All Won Shin</i>	10/05/2023
Print Name	Signature	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 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): 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:

Project RMS Locations:

LOC (No.)	TMS ELEMENT	TMS ID	COUNTY	ROUTE	PM	DESCRIPTION
1	RMS	RM-0041	Fre	168	R1.08	MCKINLEY AVENUE
2	RMS	RM-0046	Fre	168	R4.51	WB SHAW AVENUE
3	RMS	RM-0147	Fre	168	R5.61	EB BULLARD AVENUE
4	RMS	RM-0034	Fre	168	R5.65	WB BULLARD AVENUE
5	RMS	RM-0048	Fre	168	R5.83	WB BULLARD AVENUE
6	RMS	RM-0033	Fre	168	R6.71	EB HERNON AVENUE
7	RMS	RM-0059	Fre	180	R57.17	FULTON STREET
8	RMS	RM-0062	Fre	180	R57.45	VAN NESS AVENUE
9	RMS	RM-0058	Fre	180	R57.75	BLACKSTONE AVENUE