



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Ramp Safety Enhancement

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-DN, Hum, Lak, Men-101,29 **PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:**01-0M910      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

Work would consist of removing existing pavement delineation (at some locations) and placing new pavement delineation. All work would be within the existing State right of way. Equipment staging would be confined to paved surfaces and existing non-vegetated turnouts. Portable Changeable Message Signs would be placed intermittently at Lak-29-PM R39.5/R46.7, Men-101-PM 17.9/T91.4, Hum-101-PM R6.8/R137.1, and DN-101-M2.0 with negligible soil disturbance. Additionally, portable Changeable Message Signs may be placed intermittently on the following connecting routes (within one mile of Routes 29 or 101): Lak-175, Men-253, Men-20 (near Calpella), Men-20 (near Willits), Men-162, Men-271, Hum-254, Hum-36, Hum-211, Hum-255, Hum-200, and DN Route 169. There would be no tree removal.

**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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10/13/2023

Print Name

Signature

Date

**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)(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: 10/12/2023

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, Water Quality, Visual and Hazardous Waste reviews have been completed. No Regulatory permits are required.

Measures would be incorporated into the project to avoid impacts to Biological Resources:

1. *Species Protection for Northern Spotted Owls and Marbled Murrelets* at HUM 101-22.27/22.55 (French Road), HUM-101-39.31/39.80 (Redcrest Undercrossing), and HUM-101-45.78/46.97 (Jordan Road, Greenlaw Vista Point)
  - No proposed activity generating sound levels 20 or more decibels above ambient sound levels or with maximum sound levels (ambient sound level plus activity-generated sound level) above 90 decibels (excluding vehicle back-up alarms) may occur between February 1 to August 5.
2. Between August 6 (date when most marbled murrelets have fledged in coastal northern California) and September 15 (end of marbled murrelet nesting season) of any year, project activities, with adjacent suitable nesting habitat, that will generate sound levels  $\geq 10$  dB above ambient sound levels will observe a daily work window beginning 2 hours post-sunrise and ending 2 hours pre-sunset.
3. No human activities shall occur within a visual line-of-sight of 40 m (131 feet) or less from any known nest locations within the action area.
4. If night work is required at these locations between February 1 and September 15, artificial lighting will be screened or baffled to prevent incidental illumination of the adjacent habitat outside the work area.

The following provisions would be required to address minor hazardous waste issues:

- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) UNREGULATED EARTH MATERIALS CONTAINING LEAD
- The use of SSP 36-4 CONTAINING LEAD FROM PAINT AND THERMOPLASTIC will be required for residue from grinding activities that may contain lead from paint or thermoplastic.