

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): _____

(Address)

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant: _____

Project Location - Specific:

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: _____

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: _____

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: _____

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: _____
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Lead Agency

Contact Person: _____ Area Code/Telephone/Extension: _____

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Rajpreet Bihala Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Sac 99 Clean CA

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-SAC-99

PM/PM: 17.2-24.2

EA: 03-3J890

Federal-Aid Project Number: n/a

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to make improvements on State Route (SR) 99 in the City of Sacramento in response to the Clean California State Beautification Program of 2021 authorized under Assembly Bill 149. The improvements would occur at 9 locations on SR 99 between post miles (PM) 17.2 and 24.22. (See Continuation Sheet)

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

Robert Wall	<i>Robert Wall</i>	10/04/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jess Avila	<i>Jess Avila</i>	10/04/2023
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): n/a

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/4/23

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:

Project Description (cont.):

The purpose of this project is to advance equity for underserved communities by implementing transformative beautification projects on the State Highway System by improving the aesthetics of public spaces on the public right of way.

Assembly Bill 149 was signed by Governor Newsom on July 16, 2021. This bill authorized the Clean California State Beautification Program of 2021. Four goals are identified in the bill:

1. Enhance, rehabilitate, restore, or install measures to beautify and improve public spaces.
2. Enhance public health, cultural connection, and community placemaking by improving public spaces for walking and recreation.
3. Advance equity for underserved communities.

The project consists of removing and replacing fencing from 9 locations discussed below:

Location 1: On SR 99 at the Stockton Blvd On-ramp Overcrossing (Br. 24-0134k), PM 17.2.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification).

Location 2: On SR 99 at the Mack Rd Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0135) PM 17.6, and at the Mack Rd Interchange.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification).

Location 3: On SR 99 at the Florin Rd Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0167) PM 19.6, and at the Florin Rd Interchange.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification),

Location 4: On SR 99 at the 47th Avenue Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0152) PM 20.9, and at the 47th Avenue Interchange.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification),

Location 5: On SR 99 at the 41st Avenue Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0146) PM 21.3.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification).

Location 6: On SR 99 at Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0147) PM 21.6.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification)

Location 7: On SR 99 at the Fruitridge Rd Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0148) PM 21.9, and at the Fruitridge Rd Interchange.



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- Install aesthetic fencing on structure (beautification),

Location 8: On SR 99 on 12th Avenue at the 12th Avenue Undercrossing (Br. No 24-0161) PM 23.1, and on SR 99 below.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure along 12th Avenue (beautification & safety enhancement),

Location 9: On SR 99 on 5th Avenue at the 5th Avenue Overcrossing (Br. No 24-0156) PM 23.7, and on SR 99 below.

- Install aesthetic fencing on structure along 5th Avenue (beautification & safety enhancement),
- Upgrade pedestrian lighting on 5th Avenue (safety enhancement).

Staging:

If required, staging would occur within the existing Caltrans right-of-way.

Right of Way:

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way.

Consultation and Agency Coordination:

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required.

Permits

Based on the proposed scope of work, regulatory permits are not required.