



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** SJ & STA Electrical System Upgrades

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 10-SJ,STA,ALA-VAR                      **PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:** 10-1R510                      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** n/a

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes upgrading electrical equipment at thirteen locations within San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Alameda Counties. Depending on each location, the scope of work is to replace camera, cable and equipment, all sensors, and Remote Processing Unit and modem, while the existing modem pole, conduits, pull boxes, towers, and service are to remain in place. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to improve Traffic Management System (TMS) elements that are in poor condition. The need for this project is to ensure safe operation of the State Highway System.

**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**

Elizabeth Hummel		06/20/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Jason Miller		6/20/23
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)()

[ ] 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): n/a
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 06-19-23

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:

Element Location	Element Count	County	Prefix	Route	PM	Direction	Element/Asset	Location Description	Propose Work	Status (Existing/New)	TMS SHOPP Output (Poor/Good/New)	TMS ID
1	1	SJ	R	4	17.44	WB	CCTV	Wilson Way	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	71-10CCTV
2	2	SJ		5	27.721	NB	CCTV	Monte Diablo	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	92-10CCTV
3	3	SJ		5	30.096	NB	CCTV	March Lane	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	93-10CCTV
4	4	SJ		26	1.38	EB	CCTV	Oro Avenue (Signal Cam)	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	61-10CCTV
5	5	Sta	R	99	21.695	SB	CCTV	Pelandale Ave OC	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	91-10CCTV
6	6	Sta	R	99	22.59	SB	CCTV	N/O SR 219/Kiernan Ave	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Poor	43-10CCTV
7	7	Sta		108	26.715	WB	CCTV	Clarantina Ave (Signal Cam)	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	84-10CCTV
8	8	SJ	R	120	1.7	EB	CCTV	Yosemite Ave	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	106-10CCTV
9	9	SJ		120	7.596	EB	CCTV	Calla Rd	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Good	122-10CCTV
10	10	SJ		205	2.368	EB	RWIS	E/O Mountain House Parkway	Replace all sensors, Remote Processing Unit and modem. The tower, pull boxes, conduits and service to remain in place.		Good	365028-D10RWIS
11	11	SJ	R	205	7.543	WB	RWIS	Macarthur Drive	Replace all sensors, Remote Processing Unit and modem. The tower, pull boxes, conduits and service to remain in place.		Poor	365025-D10RWIS
12	12	SJ	R	205	11.28	EB	CCTV	East Banta OH	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Poor	34-10CCTV
13	13	Ala	R	580	6.5	EB	CCTV	W/O Flynn Rd	Replace the camera, cable, and equipment. The existing modem, pole, conduits, pull boxes and service to remain in place.		Poor	TD101

#### General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

#### Cultural:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
  1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
  2. Protect the discovery area
  3. Notify the Engineer
  4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage



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Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

### Hazardous Waste:

- The contractor must properly manage the removal and disposal of electrical equipment requiring special handling as outlined in Caltrans Standard Specification 14-11.15.

No permits are required for this project.