



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): District Census Station North

DIST-CO-RTE: INY/395/R59.052L, INY/395/R84.006, INY/395/112.594,
MNO/158/3.850, MNO/395/R13.380, MNO/395/32.433, MNO/395/76.699

EA: 09-39750 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to replace existing census stations in Inyo and Mono Counties. The existing 7 census stations have been identified as being in poor condition in the TMS database. (See continuation page 3).

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(c)**(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

Cecilia Boudreau	<i>Cecilia Boudreau</i>	12/12/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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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

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: 10/31/2023



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Continuation sheet:

Each of the 7 locations have been assessed for replacement needs and along with replacing in-pavement loops (unless otherwise noted), each location will need additional work as follows:

Table 1. Census Station Replacement Locations

LOC #	COUNTY	ROUTE	POSTMILE	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
1	INY	395	R59.052L	Pangborn Ln.	New cabinet, pull box and conduit.
2	INY	395	R84.006	Division Creek SRRA	Pavement work only.
3	INY	395	112.594	Gerkin Rd.	New cabinet, pull box and conduit.
4	MNO	158	3.850	North Shore Drive	New cabinet, pull box and conduit.
5	MNO	395	R13.380	Crowley Lake	Pavement work only.
6	MNO	395	32.433	Crestview Rest Area	Pavement work only.
7	MNO	395	76.699	395 N of Jct 182	Pavement work only.

Construction activities will be confined to the existing ROW and no new ROW will be acquired.

AIR/NOISE/HAZARDOUS WASTE/WATER/PALEONTOLOGY – Environmental Commitments

- If roadside soils require disposal offsite, testing for aerially deposited lead contamination will be required prior to excavation. Confirm prior to RTL.
- Removal and disposal of treated wood waste must be included in contract specifications and bid items. An EPA generator ID # will be created for the contractor to track all treated wood waste disposal requirements.

BIOLOGY – Environmental Commitments

- Notify the Biologist at least 2 weeks prior to construction start.
- If additional staging or contractor use areas are required or identified, they must be approved by the Biologist prior to their use.