



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SR 178 HM4 Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-KER-178

PM/PM: 4.64, 5.64, 6.77

EA: 06-1G220

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes a highway maintenance project at four locations on State Route 178 to upgrade existing signalized equipment using existing foundations, pull boxes and traffic signal poles. Additionally, the existing equipment will be replaced existing with new model 332 controller cabinets, traffic signal heads, pedestrian push buttons, battery backup systems and closed-circuit TV. The proposed work includes cutting loops at each intersection. No trenching is proposed, only saw cutting to install loops.

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

Print Name

Signature

01/29/2024

Date

Project Manager

Anthony Lopez

Print Name

Signature

1/30/2024

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: 1/25/2024

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:

LOCATIONS OF CONSTRUCTION

Loc (No)	COUNTY	ROUTE	PM	ELEMENT ID	DESCRIPTION
1	Ker	178	4.64	SI-067	EB 178 AT VERNON Ave
2	Ker	178	4.64	SI-070	WB 178 AT VERNON Ave
3	Ker	178	5.64	SI-071	WB 178 AT OSWELL Ave
4	Ker	178	6.77	SI-069	EB 178 AT FAIRFAX Ave