



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

<b>Project Information</b>	
<b>Project Name:</b> <u>Safety Project on SR-39 in City of Garden Grove</u>	
<b>DIST-CO-RTE:</b> 12-ORA-39	<b>PM/PM:</b> 8.5/8.7
<b>EA:</b> 0T1600	<b>Federal-Aid Project Number:</b> Not Applicable
<b>Project Description:</b> The purpose of this Safety Project on State Route 39 (SR-39), is to reduce dark collisions by improving visibility for motorists and pedestrians from Post Mile (PM) 8.5/8.7, which includes the SB SR-39 to WB SR-22 on-ramp to the SR-39/Garden Grove Blvd. intersection, in the City of Garden Grove, Orange County CA. <span style="float:right"><i>continued on page 3</i></span>	

**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 15301.1 (d).** (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**

Smita Deshpande	<i>Smita Deshpande</i>	December 1, 2023
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Marc Talavera	<i>M Talavera</i> on behalf of Marc Talavera	12/1/2023
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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)(21)

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

Smita Deshpande Signature Date December 1, 2023

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Marc Talavera Signature on behalf of Marc Talavera Date 12/1/2023

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/29/23



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**Continuation sheet:**

Motorists/pedestrians on this segment of SR-39, are experiencing a high concentration of Rear-End and Sideswipe collisions, during dark conditions, as compared to similar facilities. This Safety project is needed to address this condition and will construct/install improvements within the project limits.

The project proposes to modify/upgrade the existing traffic signal and lighting systems, add a new safety lighting, modify (straighten) existing cross walks as well as the existing raised median (nose-only, at SR-39/Garden Grove Blvd. intersection), upgrade one existing curb ramp by bringing it to ADA standards, and install horizontal alignment (curve warning) signs and traffic census stations (on the 39 SB to 22 WB on-ramp), and finally restripe roadway to match pre-construction configuration. Eight (8) traffic signal and light poles at the intersection will be replaced. Also, one additional light pole will be added at the on-ramp by the existing crosswalk. Electrical work is required as well. The Estimated Disturbed Soil Area (DSA) is .01 acres.

A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) is required and must address temporary construction-related impacts for emergency responders, motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists, plus the ADA community, as well as area businesses. Minor temporary detours (for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists) are possible, as ramp shoulders and/or ramp lane could be closed for brief period of time due to construction activities. Detours for pedestrians (for example temporary sidewalk closure) must be ADA compliant. *[Note: Caltrans has verified the presence of an Environmental Justice population at project site in City of Garden Grove and recommends extra effort to communicate potential for temporary construction-related impacts to area businesses and residents, Consider especially the low-income and English as Second Language (ESL) residents/renters of West Grove Estates, a mobile home park.]*

On 9/15/23, the Caltrans Project Engineer advised all work occurs in State’s existing Right of Way (R/W) and he verified existing easement rights for street work purposes. Thus, no new or additional R/W is required. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 and will last approximately 12 months.

The proposed project will *not* add vehicle capacity and no increase in operational GHG emissions are expected. Construction related GHG emissions were estimated using CAL-CET 2021 tool Version 1.0.

Summary of Project Emissions and Consumption									
TOG	ROG	CO	NOx	PM10	PM2.5	CO2	CH4	N2O	BC
1.277	1.182	5.789	7.733	19.281	2.437	2008	0.044	0.103	0.117
1.869	1.731	12.109	11.609	128.634	12.927	4073	0.071	0.251	0.200
0.070	0.065	0.318	0.425	1.060	0.134	110	0.002	0.006	0.006

  

HFC	Diesel Fuel	Gasoline Fuel	Electricity
0.120	62	23	0.961
0.390	95	69	3.895
0.007	6,789	2,544	105.701

Standard specifications that are built into the project related to reducing construction pollutants will aid in reduction of GHG emissions.



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No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the Caltrans Standards and Measures relating to Construction Noise, Air Pollution Control, Erosion Control, Water Quality, Hazardous Wastes, the following apply to this project:

- An Environmental Commitment Record (ECR) has been prepared. The ECR includes several Measures. All Measures must be implemented throughout Design and Construction Phases.

***Technical Reviews, Studies/Memos and emails that inform this CE/CE include:***

- Air Quality Conformity Checklist, Dove, 11/29/2023
- GHG/Construction Emissions Calculations, Dove, 11/29/2023
- PA&ED Climate Change Assessment Form, Dove/Deshpande, 11/29/2023
- Community Impact Memo, Dove, 11/29/2023
- BIO-NEMO, Phung/Ketsela, 11/18/2023
- Cultural, Section 106 Memo, Stosel/Liu, 10/10/2023
- Water Quality Memo, Salas, 10/16/2023
- Hazardous Waste Review/e-mail, Aurasteh, 9/25/2023