



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): ED 50 CAPM

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-50

PM/PM: 39.70/58.85

EA: 1J160

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a preventative maintenance project on U.S. 50 between post mile (PM) 39.70 and PM 58.85 in El Dorado County, California. This project proposes pavement maintenance within the project limits and includes improvements to existing drainage systems and upgrades to lighting, guardrails, two-post ground-mounted signs, and Traffic Management System (TMS) elements.

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.** (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

N/A	N/A	
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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

N/A	N/A	
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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)(26)

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

Thaleena Bhattal Signature Date 8/1/24

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Christopher Sugar Signature Date 8/6/2024

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 8/1/2024
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/30/2024



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Continuation sheet:

Scope of Work

Pavement - PM 39.70 to PM 58.70:

- Cold plane 0.10 feet of existing pavement.
- Place 0.20 feet of hot mix asphalt (HMA).
- Place shoulder backing material at the outside edge of both shoulders.
- Replace HMA dikes with rolled-concrete dikes.
- Replace traffic stripes and pavement markings.
- Repair locations of severe existing asphalt pavement failure with material dig-outs.
- Pave driveway, turnout, and local road conforms.
- Place centerline rumble strips throughout project limits.

Drainage - Rehabilitate 39 culverts and 21 overside drains in fair to poor condition:

- Remove and replace 36 culverts with reinforced concrete pipes.
- Abandon two (2) culverts at PM 47.18 and install two (2) new 18-inch reinforced concrete pipes alongside U.S. 50 in the westbound direction and connect to the 36-inch culvert at PM 47.05.
- Install one (1) concrete invert paving at PM 44.25.
- Remove and replace existing headwalls.
- Remove and replace 21 overside drainpipes with overside drain flumes.
- Place rock slope protection (RSP).
- Place culvert markers.

Guardrail

- Replace 24,200 linear feet of the metal beam guard rail (MBGR) with steel post Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and bring appropriate end treatments to current standards.

Signs

- Remove and replace two-post roadside signs.

Lighting

- Replace one (1) roadway lighting system on U.S. 50 at PM 47.27.

Traffic Management System

- Upgrade Changeable Message Sign (CMS) at PM 58.85.

Vegetation Removal

- Remove vegetation around culverts.

Section 4(f)

A Section 4(f) Temporary Occupancy Exception Memo to File was prepared to address the proposed work at the U.S. Forest Service El Dorado National Forest Sand Flat Campground. A Letter of Concurrence was sent to Placerville District Ranger Andrew



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Mishler on July 29, 2024, with a concurrence response and signature date of July 30, 2024.

Staging

- Staging areas will be within the Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Disposal/Borrow

- The need for disposal or borrow sites are not anticipated.

Right-of-Way

- To access culverts inlets and/or outlets that fall outside of state right of way four (4) drainage easements would be obtained for the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN):
 - 011-110-023 at PM 39.7
 - 011-150-007 at PM 40.48
 - 011-180-001 at PM 42.43
 - 011-200-014 at PM 42.55
- Seven (7) Special Use Permits with the U.S. Forest Service would be utilized for APN:
 - 011-110-022 at PM 40.48
 - 012-110-070 at PM 46.81
 - 012-110-037 at
 - PM 46.92
 - PM 46.97
 - PM 47.05
 - 012-100-010 at PM 50.28
 - 013-180-001 at PM 56.27
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- Three (3) Temporary Construction Easements would be acquired for the following APNs:
 - 011-200-014 at PM 42.55
 - 011-200-007 at PM 42.55
 - 012-110-037 at PM 47.18

Consultation/Coordination

- Native American consultation is ongoing.

Permits

- Project will require a 1600 permit.

Utilities

- Work will not require utility relocations.