



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Safety Improvements

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-SAC-160

**PM/PM:** 44.9-45.1

**EA:** 03-3J900

**Federal-Aid Project Number:**

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to make safety improvements on State Route (SR) 160 between post mile (PM) 44.9 and 45.1 in Sacramento County.

**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**

Robert Wall

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Signature

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**Project Manager**

John E. Bamfield

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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)(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.

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Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/30/2024

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/30/2024

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:

#### Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to improve safety for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians at the Del Paso Blvd on-ramp and off-ramp. This project is needed as this location reported a higher Total Actual Collision Rate than the total statewide average rate for similar facilities. A total of 7 collisions in a 5-year period (January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2021) involving 10 injuries have been reported at this location.

All work will occur within Caltrans right of way. Construction is estimated to be 45 working days. There will be a complete ramp closure with detour.

#### Scope of Work:

- Replace and install safety lighting.
- Install one new streetlamp on the off-ramp.
- Trench in shoulder to an approximate depth of 30 inches.
- Trim trees.
- Add yellow reflectors on top of existing left side barrier of off-ramp.
- Update roadway striping.
- Add optical speed bars at off-ramp.
- Replace roadside signs.
- Add wrong way signs on the off-ramp.
- Seal cracked concrete slabs.
- Cold plane and overlay the roadway.
- Install 4-foot paved right shoulder on off-ramp.
- Upgrade and extend existing guardrail with Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) and install vegetation control.

#### Staging

Staging would occur within Caltrans right of way. Potential staging area to be adjacent to the off-ramp on existing maintenance areas.

#### Permit Requirements

No permits are required.