



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Alta CAPM

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-PLA-80

PM/PM: 33.00-44.90

EA: 03-0J410

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0319000281

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to conduct a geotechnical investigation to evaluate subsurface conditions for the Alta CAPM Project on Interstate 80 (I-80) in Placer County.

The scope of geotechnical work includes trenchless replacement of two (2) 24-inch diameter Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) culverts at PMs 41.65 and 41.75 respectively, replacement of a poor condition Close Circuit Television (CCTV) at PM 42.9, replacement of one outdated traffic monitoring station at PM 36.4 with High Mast (HM) CCTV and Microwave Vehicle Detection System (MVDS), replacement of two overhead sign (OHS) structures at PMs 41.69 and 41.9 respectively, replacement of one lightweight sign structure at PM 33.75 WB with new Extinguishable Message Sign (EMS) and replacement of one poor condition Changeable Message Sign (CMS) at PM 42.53.

All Geotech work including drilling, equipment staging, etc., would occur within the pavement and/or the shoulder of I-80 (see continuation page).

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 6.** (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

Erin Damm		02/03/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Sean Shaw		02/03/2025
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

Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name Signature Date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 1/30/2025

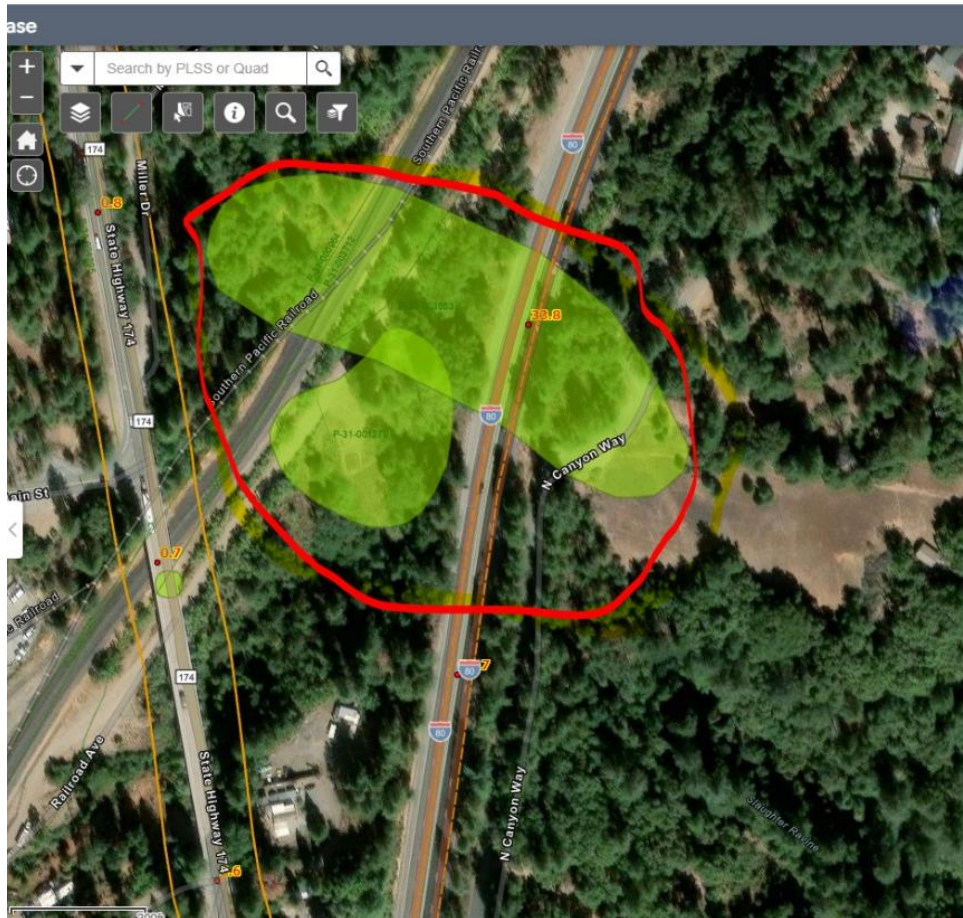


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Continuation sheet:

Environmental Commitments:

All Geotech work including drilling, equipment staging, etc. would occur within the pavement and shoulder of I-80. Furthermore, all drilling work would not occur within the avoidance areas of PM 33.74-33.84 as denoted in the mapping dated: 1/30/2025 and attached herein by reference.



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