



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): San Joaquin County Bridge Maintenance

DIST-CO-RTE: 10-SJ-5, 99

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 10-1R720

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes bridge maintenance on eleven (11) bridges in San Joaquin County on State Route 99 and I-5, at various postmiles. Depending on each bridge condition, this project proposes to include patching spalls, rail repair, removing existing chipseal, placing methacrylate treatment, placing polyester concrete overlay on the existing bridge deck and approach slabs, constructing new approach slabs, replacing compression seals and replace joint seals (see Continuation Sheet). The purpose of this project is to provide preventative maintenance to deteriorating sections of these bridges. The project is needed to minimize future rehabilitation needs and maintain the bridge functionality. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way.

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].)

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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)()

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

Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/13/2024

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:

No.	Route	County	Postmile	Bridge No.	Scope
1	5	SJ	R14.46	29 0252L	Repair the deck spall in Lane 3 of Span 3. Replace the pourable joint seal at Abutment 1. Also replace the compression seal at Abutment 7.
2	5	SJ	R17.52	29 0253L	Replace the joint seals at both abutments in conjunction with the PCO. Place polyester concrete on the approach slabs concurrently with the polyester concrete on the bridge deck, taper to bridge deck grade. Remove the remaining epoxy overlay on the bridge deck and place polyester concrete overlay.
3	5	SJ	R17.52	29 0253R	Repair the failing patch with exposed rebar in the exterior face of the left railing at the Abutment 2 approach slab. Clean the rebar and patch all of the spalls along the interior face of the left bridge rail. Replace the joint seals at both abutments. Replace joint seal at Abutment 2. Place polyester concrete on the approach slabs concurrently with the polyester concrete on the bridge deck, taper to bridge deck grade. Remove the epoxy wearing surface and place polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck
4	5	SJ	25.35	29 0225L	Replace the joint seals at both abutments in conjunction with the PCO. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs in conjunction with the polyester on the bridge deck. Place polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck.
5	5	SJ	25.35	29 0225R	Repair the fractured concrete approach rail at Abutment 1 right adjacent to the end block. Replace the joint seals at both abutments in conjunction with the PCO. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs at both abutments in conjunction with the polyester concrete



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No.	Route	County	Postmile	Bridge No.	Scope
					overlay on the bridge deck. Repair the 12 inch square by 1 inch deep spall in Lane 4.
6	5	SJ	25.64	29 0229L	Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs at both abutment in conjunction with the polyster on the bridge deck. Repair and replace the joint seals at Abutments 1 and 2.
7	5	SJ	25.64	29 0229R	Replace joint seals at both abutments in conjunction with the placement of the polyester concrete overlay. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs at both abutments in conjunction with the polyester concrete on the bridge deck.
8	5	SJ	25.78	29 0230L	Patch all of the spalls. Replace joint seals at both abutments and include placement of the polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs in conjunction with the polyester concrete on the bridge deck.
9	5	SJ	25.78	29 0230R	Replace joint seals at both abutments and include the placement of the polyester concrete overlay on the bridge deck. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs in conjunction with the polyester concrete on the bridge deck.
10	99	SJ	6.65	29 0125	Replace the joint seals at both abutments. Place a PCO taper on the approach slabs in conjunction with the PCO on the bridge deck. Place a polyester concrete overlay on the deck.
11	99	SJ	7.93	29 0135	Replace the joint seals in conjunction with the deck resurface. Remove existing chipseal and place methacrylate overlay.



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General:

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.
- Contact the Environmental Office to attend the pre-construction meeting.

Cultural:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 1. Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
 2. Protect the discovery area
 3. Notify the Engineer
 4. The Department Investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98. If the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the same time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Biology:

- Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-6.03A, will be required at Locations 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, & 11 in the construction contract:
 - If work will occur within the migratory bird nesting season (February 1 – September 30), a request must be submitted to the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office to have a qualified biologist conduct a pre-construction bird survey within 14 days prior to the start of any construction related activities. If an active nest is observed, a protective buffer shall be established around the nest until the young have fledged. No construction related activities shall occur within the limits of the protective buffer until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office. Once authorized, if construction activities do not commence within 14 days after completion of the bird survey or if construction activities stop



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for more than 14 days, a subsequent bird survey may be required. Work shall not commence or recommence until authorized by the Caltrans District 10 Environmental Office.

Hazardous Waste:

- The Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii), which pertains to Earth Material Containing Lead, shall be added to the construction contract. A Lead Compliance Plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required and all soil must remain on-site.
- The Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) pertaining to nonhazardous waste striping, 84-9.03B, shall be added to the construction contract.
- SSP 14-11.12 shall be added to the construction contract for removal of yellow thermoplastic/painted striping and pavement markings, which contain high concentrations of lead.
- SSP 14-11.14 regarding the handling, storing, transporting, and disposing of treated wood waste shall be included in the construction contract.
- The non-Standard Special Provision (nSSP) 14-11.16 will be included in the contract for specific survey for Asbestos Containing Materials to be conducted prior to construction activities.
- nSSP 14-9.02 for NESHAP Notification will be included in the construction contract.

No Permits Required