



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** South Main Street Fort Bragg Sidewalks

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 01-MEN-1

**PM/PM:** 60.0-60.7

**EA:** 01-0K650 (AKA 0K250)

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0119000037

**Project Description**

This project is located in Mendocino County on State Route (SR) 1 beginning at the intersection of SR 1 and Noyo Point Road and ending at the intersection of SR 1 and Cypress Street, between PM 60.0 and 60.7. The project proposes to install ADA compliant curb ramps, curb and gutter, sidewalk, and create a pedestrian path to connect the sidewalk to the coastal trail.

Additional work includes minor new pavement to install curb and gutter; relocating existing utilities, signage, and streetlights; installing pedestrian push buttons; restriping the southbound portion of 101; and resetting/relocating existing drainage inlets to accommodate new sidewalk, curb, and gutter.

**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.** (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**

Jason Meyer		07/09/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Robert King		07/09/2024
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 C3 - Construction of bicycle and pedestrian lanes, paths, and facilities.

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

Activity (j) 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

Jason Meyer (Print Name), [Signature] (Signature), 07/09/2024 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Robert King (Print Name), [Signature] (Signature), 07/09/2024 (Date)

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 7/8/2024
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 5/21/2024



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### Continuation sheet:

Project studies were conducted under 01-0K250 and 01-0B220, before the project was reprogrammed under 01-0K650.

This project would require Temporary Construction Easements (TCEs) and Right of Way Acquisition. Some of the TCEs and ROW Acquisition will be on a Cortese Site.

### Environmental commitments:

- A pre-construction survey for nesting birds would be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to vegetation removal. If nesting birds are found CDFW would be contacted, and an appropriate buffer would be established.
- Maintain convenient access to driveways, houses, and buildings.
- Tribal monitors would be present during ground disturbing activities.
- Water quality Best Management Practices (BMP) would be utilized to protect water quality.
- Construction would utilize BMPs to control silt and erosion of exposed soils and to prevent construction materials from entering the river or any drainages.
- A spill prevention and control plan would be developed by the contractor and approved by Caltrans prior to the commencement of work.
- Use of artificial lighting would be limited to Cal/OSHA work area lighting requirements.



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