



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Chowchilla Minor-A Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-MAD-233

PM/PM: 3.6

EA: 06-1E370

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0622000043

Project Description

This project proposes to upgrade existing curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and upgrade the existing signal at the intersection of State Route 233 and Chowchilla Boulevard. Electrical depth work will involve 30 inches for trenching and 4-6 feet for boring. Some night work maybe anticipated. Other major work for this project will include:

- Replace existing non-standard ADA curb ramps
- Replace failed concrete sidewalks
- Upgrade traffic signals components at Chowchilla Boulevard
- Installed traffic count station at PM 3.702
- Enhance the visibility of existing pedestrian crosswalk at Chowchilla Boulevard
- Replace existing pavement striping and markers to bring to current standard

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

Trais Norris		8/26/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Michael Day		8/26/24
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)()

[] 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

Print Name Signature Date

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: 8/8/2024

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:

Biology:

If construction is to occur during the avian nesting season (February 1 – September 30), preconstruction surveys for migratory and nesting birds must be completed by a qualified biologist no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction. If construction runs into the avian nesting season and migratory birds are found nesting within the BSA, additional avoidance and minimization measures including, but not limited to, biological monitoring and Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) buffers may be required. Biological SSP 14-6.03B will be required to ensure migratory birds are protected if construction is to occur during the nesting season.

Air Quality:

The provisions of Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" require the contractor to comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's rules, ordinances, and regulations and statutes that apply to work performed under the contract, including those provided in Government Code § 11017.

Water Quality:

If the project disturbs less than one acre of soil, a Water Pollution Control Plan (WPCP) is required to be prepared by the contractor per the Caltrans 2018 Standard Specification Section 13-1 – Water Pollution.

Paleontology:

If unanticipated fossil discovery occurs during construction, Specification 14-7.03 of the 2018 Standard Specifications identifies the procedures required to protect the resource.

Hazardous Waste:

A lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required. The estimated cost of the LCP is \$3,500. Include Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead in the bid package.