



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Pocket Rd Sidewalk and Signalized Rt-Turn

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 03-SAC-5

**PM/PM:** 16.19-16.24

**EA:** 03-0N850

**EFIS:** 0324000214

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a project is located in Sacramento County on Interstate Route 5 (I-5) from the southbound Pocket Road Offramp (PM 16.24) to the intersection with Pocket Road. This project proposes to close a gap in the existing pedestrian facilities. Work will include relocating the existing free-right turn to the existing signalized intersection. The project will also construct curb and gutter, curb ramps, sidewalk, and various electrical items.

**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**

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Print Name	Signature	Date

**Project Manager**

Andy Qutami	<i>Andy Qutami</i>	09/30/2024
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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)(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

N/A

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

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Signature

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Date

### Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

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Print Name

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 8/9/24

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:

The purpose of the project is to provide a sidewalk gap closure at the southbound Route 5 Pocket Rd off-ramp. The project will improve the functionality of the existing pedestrian facilities. There is currently a sidewalk gap for pedestrians on the westbound side of the Pocket Rd off-ramp within the project limits. This project plans to connect that gap.

### Air Quality – **Standard Minimization Measures**

- The construction contractor must comply with the **Caltrans Standard Specifications in Section 14-9**.
- Water or a dust palliative will be applied to the site and equipment as often as necessary to control fugitive dust emissions.
- Construction equipment and vehicles will be properly tuned and maintained. All construction equipment will use low sulfur fuel as required by CA Code of Regulations Title 17, Section 93114.
- Equipment and materials storage sites will be located as far away from residential, and park uses as practicable. Construction areas will be kept clean and orderly.
- Track-out reduction measures, such as gravel pads at project access points to minimize dust and mud deposits on roads affected by construction traffic, will be used.
- All transported loads of soils and wet materials will be covered before transport, or adequate freeboard (space from the top of the material to the top of the truck) will be provided to minimize emission of dust during transportation.
- Dust and mud that are deposited on paved, public roads due to construction activity and traffic will be promptly and regularly removed to reduce PM emissions.
- To the extent feasible, construction traffic will be scheduled and routed to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling vehicles along local roads during peak travel times.

### Greenhouse Gas (GHG) - **Standard Minimization Measures**

- The construction contractor must comply with the **Caltrans Standard Specifications in Section 14-9**.
- Compliance with Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, which includes idling restrictions of construction vehicles and equipment to no more than 5 minutes.
- Caltrans **Standard Specification 7-1.02C "Emissions Reduction"** ensures that construction activities adhere to the most recent emissions reduction regulations mandated by the California Air Resource Board.
- Utilize a traffic management plan to minimize vehicle delays.
- To the extent feasible, construction traffic will be scheduled and routed to reduce congestion and related air quality impacts caused by idling vehicles along local roads during peak travel times.
- Maintain equipment in proper tune and working condition.

### Noise – **Standard Minimization Measures**



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Noise associated with construction is controlled by Caltrans **Standard Specification Section 14-8.02, "Noise Control,"** which states the following:

- Control and monitor noise resulting from work activities.
- Do not exceed 86 dBA Lmax at 50 feet from the job site from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

In addition to the Standard Specifications, construction noise can be minimized through the following measures:

- Limit operation of pile driver, jackhammer, concrete saw, pneumatic tools and demolition equipment to daytime hours.
- Unnecessary idling of internal combustion engines should be prohibited.
- Stationary equipment, such as compressors and generators, should be shielded and located as far away from residential and park uses as practical.
- Locate equipment and materials storage sites as far away from residential and park uses as practicable.
- Notify residents within 100 feet of the project area at least two weeks prior to the start of nighttime construction.

### **Environmental Commitments:**

The following commitments are required to ensure environmental compliance on this project:

#### **Hazardous Waste - Specifications:**

- aerially deposited lead (SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii)),
- treated wood waste (SSP 14-11.14), &
- thermoplastic/stripping (SSP 36-4).

### **Coordination**

#### **Right-of-Way:**

All staging will occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way.

#### **No Permits:**

Based on the scope of work, regulatory permits were not required, and consultation was not required as well.

#### **Disposal/Borrow:**

Based on the scope of work, there are no disposal and/or borrow sites needed for this project.

#### **Utilities**

No utility conflicts are anticipated. All utility conversations would be coordinated with Caltrans Right of Way.









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