



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** Crosswalk Markings and Sign Installation

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 10-SJ, STA-12, 26, 120, 108      **PM/PM:** Various

**EA:** 10-1R630      **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

**Project Description**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to enhance crosswalk markings and install pedestrian signs on State Route 12, 26, 120, and 108 in San Joaquin and Stanislaus County. New crosswalk markings will be in ladder patterns and enhanced with wet night visibility. Please see continuation sheet for more project location information. All work will be within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of the project is to address the outdated crosswalk markings and lack of pedestrian signs to warn drivers. The project is needed to improve pedestrian crossing visibility.

**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**

Jason Miller	<i>Jason Miller</i>	10/1/2024
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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 Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/1/2024

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:

Construction activities include work off the paved roadway, trenching, grading, excavation, backfill, and other ground disturbance. There are 13 locations for crosswalk markings in San Joaquin (SJ) County and six (6) locations for Stanislaus (STA) County. 25 signs will be installed. Most of the signs will be installed on existing sign posts. Two (2) new signposts will be installed in SJ County and eight (8) new sign posts will be installed in STA County.

**Table 1.** Crosswalk marking locations and signs to be installed at each locations.

Location No.	County	Route	Cross Street / Ramp	Postmile	Total # of Signs
1	SJ	12	Thornton Road	10.45	1
2	SJ	12	Westgate Drive	14.91	
3	SJ	12	Lower Sacramento Road	15.16	
4	SJ	12	South Ham Lane	16.44	
5	SJ	12	South Fairmont Ave.	16.57	
6	SJ	12	South Hutchins Street	16.93	
7	SJ	12	South Cherokee Lane	17.95	
8	SJ	12	Junction Southbound 99 ramps at	18.05	
9	SJ	12	North Cluff Ave	18.36	
10	SJ	26	Northbound (NB) on-ramp North Fremont St	1.192	2
11	SJ	120	NB off-ramp/NB on-ramp near Button Ave	6.25	
12	SJ	120	Vasconcellos Ave	6.59	
13	SJ	120	South Austin Rd	6.83	
14	STA	108	Jones St Right (Rt)	23.13	2
15	STA	108	Alice St Lt Grant St Rt	23.17	
16	STA	108	Almond Rt Stoddard Left (Lt)	23.31	4
17	STA	108	Modesto Ave and Elmwood Court	23.37	4
18	STA	108	Frances Ave Rt	23.62	8
19	STA	108	Helen Ave Rt	23.69	4

### **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



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sensitive resources are discovered. Contact the Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.

### **Cultural:**

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
  1. Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of discovery
  2. Protect the discovery area
  3. Notify the Engineer
  4. The Department Investigates.
    - a. 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.

### **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.
  
- Caltrans Standard Specification (SSP) 84-9.03B will be added to the construction contract for removing non-hazardous striping/pavement markings.
  
- SSP 14-11.12 will be added to the construction contract for removing hazardous striping/pavement markings.

No Permits Required