



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SJ County Bridge Rehab

DIST-CO-RTE: 10-SJ-5

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 10-1R700

Federal-Aid Project Number: n/a

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes maintenance repairs on eight (8) bridges along Interstate (I) 5, at various postmiles in San Joaquin County (See *Continuation Sheet*). The scope of work at these bridges includes replacing approach slabs, placing polyester concrete overlay on approach slabs and on bridge decks, replacing joint seals and replacing joint headers. All work will occur within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to provide preventative maintenance to deteriorating sections of these bridges. The project needed to minimize future rehabilitation needs and maintain the bridge functionality.

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

Elizabeth Hummel		06/28/2024
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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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: 6/5/24

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:

Location	PM	Bridge #	Bridge Name	Work Description
1	1.1	29-0117R	Hospital Creek	Place polyester concrete deck wearing surface, construct approach slabs, and replace joint seals.
2	2.07	29-0187L	California Aqueduct	Place polyester concrete overlay, replace joint seals
3	2.07	29-0187R	California Aqueduct	Place polyester concrete overlay, replace joint seals
4	3.27	29-0205L	Delta Mendota Canal	Place polyester concrete overlay, replace joint seals
5	3.27	29-0205R	Delta Mendota Canal	Place polyester concrete overlay, replace joint seals
6	3.42	29-0244L	Route 5S/132 Separation	Place polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs, repair all joint seals, repair all header spalls and replace joint seals at abutment 1 and 3
7	3.42	29-0344R	Route 5S/132 Separation	Place polyester concrete overlay on the approach slabs, repair all joint seals, repair all header spalls and replace joint seals at abutment 1 and 3
8	0.3	29-00301L	Gaffery Road UC	Place 1" polyester concrete overlay, replace joint seals

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 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:
 - o Stop all work within a 60foot radius of discovery
 - o Protect the discovery area
 - o Notify the Engineer
 - o 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.



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- 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:

- A lead compliance plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist is required and grinding must be sampled and disposed of in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) shall be included in the construction contract.
- Caltrans SSP 14-11.12 shall be added to the construction contract and the Contractor shall manage the removed stripe and pavement marking as a hazardous waste.
- Caltrans non-Standard Special Provision (nSSP) 14-11.16, pertaining to Asbestos Containing Building Materials (ACBM) in bridges, shall be included in the contract. All bridges with concrete disturbance or joint seal removal will require testing for ACBM prior to the start of construction related activities.
- Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) are known to occur in bridge baring pad, shims, mastic material, and/or concrete. The National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) notification shall be completed by the contractor prior to the start of construction activities. Caltrans non-Standard Special Provision nSSP 14-9.02 shall be included in the construction contract.
- Removal of non-yellow thermoplastic/painted striping and pavement markings will be required. The Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 84-9.03B shall be added to the construction contract. A lead compliance plan prepared by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required and the Contractor shall manage the removed stripe and pavement marking as a hazardous waste.
- Caltrans Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-11.14 regarding the handling, storing, transporting, and disposing of treated wood waste shall be included in the construction contract.

No permits are required for this project.