



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): I-5 at Carmel Valley Rd. Guardrail Upgrades

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-005

PM/PM: R32.5/R32.99

EA: 11-3A839 / 1124000301

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description Caltrans proposes a Minor B project to upgrade the existing Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) along I-5 within the City of San Diego in San Diego County. The proposed MBGR to be upgraded is located approximately 1000 feet south of the Carmel Valley Creek Bridge to approximately 500 feet north of the Carmel Valley Road over crossing. Project work will include removing and installing new guardrail, removing and replacing the AC dikes in front of and under the MBGR, upgrading the MBGR anchor blocks, and installing MBGR connection at Carmel Valley Rd. UC Bridge. There will be ground disturbance to remove the AC dike and to replace and install the anchor blocks. There will also be some concrete work involved in the anchor block installation. All work, including site access, will occur within Caltrans Right of Way, and there will be no staging, storage, or disposal sites necessary. Environmental Commitments are contained in the ECR.

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 1c.** (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

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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

Not Applicable

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Not Applicable

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): Not Applicable

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Not Applicable

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).