



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Madera SR 99 and SR 152 Panel Replacement and Dig-out Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-MAD 99/152

PM/PM: PM 3.1/5.1 and PM15.1/R16.1

EA: 06-1H350

Federal-Aid Project Number: 06-2500-0060

Project Description

The scope of work is to remove and replace failed pavement in Madera County on SR 152 from Post Mile (PM) 3.1 to PM 5.1, and on SR 99 from PM 15.1 to PM R16. On SR 99, in lane number 2 of each direction, this section of the highway has begun to exhibit a surface depression as a result of overloaded traffic. On SR 152, in lane number 2 of the westbound direction, there are approximately 10 panels to be replaced with Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), at a thickness of 0.67 feet. The subgrade has weakened due to previous rains and heavy truck loads, causing the concrete panel to crack and break up. These panels have deteriorated to an extent that maintenance can no longer sustain the road and an emergency contract is necessary to repair the road.

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 (C).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301.)
 - 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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12/9/2024

Print Name

Signature

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Project Manager

Gerardo Rocha

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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: N/A

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:

Hazardous Waste:

Include SSP 36-4 for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic. Roadway materials containing lead must be addressed in the contractors Lead Compliance Plan.

Biology:

Due to the potential for nesting migratory birds within the project area, Caltrans will complete a pre-construction survey no more than 15 days prior to the start of construction and administer a Worker Environmental Awareness Training (WEAT) for all construction personnel, contractors, subcontractors, and contractor's representatives if work is to occur during the nesting season, February 1 to September 30th.

New construction personnel who are added to the project after the training has been conducted will also be required to take the training before starting work. Upon completing the training, workers must sign a form stating they attended the training. If nesting birds including raptors are found to be nesting within 500 feet of the project location, construction monitoring may be required.