



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SR 63 Signal Elements

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-TUL-63

PM/PM: Var

EA: 06-1H080

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes to be repair/replace Signal Elements that have reached end of life in Tulare County on State Route 63 at various locations. This work includes saw cutting loop detection, installation/replacement of pedestrian pushbuttons, cabinets, cameras, and the removal of the existing magnetic detection. All work will be done on the existing California Department of Transportation's Right of Way. Work off the paved roadway and ground disturbance are required. It is unknown if night work will be needed.

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

Pedram Mafi

Print Name



Signature

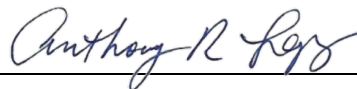
12/12/2024

Date

Project Manager

Anthony Lopez

Print Name



Signature

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Date



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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: 12/12/2024

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:

Locations:

Loc No. #	TMS ELEMENT	TMS-ID	COUNTY	ROUTE	PM	LOCATION
1	SIGNAL	SI-143	Tul	63	1.01	SR 63 AT AVE 240 (PROSPERITY AVE)
3	SIGNAL	SI-133	Tul	63	3.99	SR 63 AT AVE 264 (LIBERTY RD)
2	SIGNAL	SI-112	Tul	63	5.3	SR 63 (MOONEY) AT MIDVALLEY BLVD
4	SIGNAL	SI-138	Tul	63	12.13	SR 63 (DINUBA) AT AVE 328
5	SIGNAL	SI-131	Tul	63	22.24	SR 63 (DINUBA) AT OROSI SCHOOL CROSSING

Environmental Commitments:

Hazardous Waste:

- A lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required for ground disturbing activities, as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. A LCP is required when lead concentrations in soil are non-hazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever disturbance (e.g. excavation) of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, if ground disturbance will occur, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required.
- Construction Standard Specification 14-11.15 shall be used to dispose of electrical equipment requiring special handling (if applicable)
- Revised RSSP 87-21.03D (paragraph 1) will address the removal of electrical equipment designated as hazardous waste (electrical vehicle sensor nodes, if applicable to this project), use 2.9 of this specification to address the removal of the existing signal and electrical systems.