



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): SR 63 & 198 Signal Elements

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-TUL-63,198

PM/PM: Var

EA: 06-1H090

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation proposes to replace Signal Elements that have reached end of life in Tulare County on State Route 63 and 198 at various locations. This work includes installation/replacement of pedestrian pushbuttons, and pedestrian signal heads. All work will be done on the existing California Department of Transportation's Right of Way.

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

12/16/2024

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 OF CONSTRUCTION

Loc No. #	TMS ELEMENT	TMS-ID	COUNTY	ROUTE	PM	LOCATION
1	SIGNAL	SI-174	Tul	198	R4.71	SR 198 WB AT PLAZA (Rd 80)
2	SIGNAL	SI-179	Tul	198	7.92	SR 198 (MINERAL KING) AT DEMAREE
3	SIGNAL	SI-180	Tul	198	7.96	SR 198 (NOBLE) AT DEMAREE
4	SIGNAL	SI-185	Tul	63	L8.98L	WB MINERAL KING AND WEST
5	SIGNAL	SI-188	Tul	63	L9.12R	EB NOBLE AT LOCUST
6	SIGNAL	SI-190	Tul	63	9.18R	SR 63 (NOBLE) AT COURT
7	SIGNAL	SI-173	Tul	198	R10.88	SR 198 AT BEN MADDOX WAY
8	SIGNAL	SI-187	Tul	63	8.019L	SR 63 (MINERAL KING) AT LOCUST
9	SIGNAL	SI-189	Tul	63	8.012R	SR 63 (MINERAL KING) AT COURT
10	SIGNAL	SI-123	Tul	63	8.14L	SR 63 (LOCUST) AT ACEQUIA
11	SIGNAL	SI-122	Tul	63	8.14R	SR 63 (COURT) AT ACEQUIA
12	SIGNAL	SI-127	Tul	63	8.27L	SR 63 (LOCUST) AT CENTER
13	SIGNAL	SI-126	Tul	63	8.27R	SR 63 (COURT) AT CENTER
14	SIGNAL	SI-129	Tul	63	8.45L	SR 63 (LOCUST) AT MURRAY
15	SIGNAL	SI-128	Tul	63	8.45R	NB COURT AND MURRAY Ave
16	SIGNAL	SI-130	Tul	63	9.09	SR 63 AT HOUSTON
17	SIGNAL	SI-135	Tul	63	9.34	SR 63 (DINUBA) AT PROSPECT
18	SIGNAL	SI-383	Tul	63	10.37	SR 63 (DINUBA) AT SHANNON PARKWAY

Environmental Commitments:

Hazardous Waste:

- 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.