



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): 22501 Hawthorne Blvd

DIST-CO-RTE: 07-LA-107

PM/PM: PM 1.248/1.293

TRACKING Number: 724-6CD-2489

DEP CE Number: 202504007

Project Description

Gable House Development, LLC proposes the demolition of existing sidewalk and the removal of the existing driveway approaches and curb and gutter located at 22501 Hawthorne Boulevard, within the Caltrans right-of-way along State Route 107 Post Mile (PM) 1.248-1.293, as well as to perform traffic control activities, in the City of Torrance, Los Angeles County. The proposed work includes saw cutting and removing existing AC pavement; trenching for a new waterline and installing appurtenances; installing new curb and gutter, a driveway, a driveway approach for the site, gutter spandrel, AC paving, and a new concrete sidewalk including an ADA ramp at the 226th Street corner. The project also includes landscaping and tree planting within the landscape parkway strip, irrigation installation, and the installation of an eight-inch water pipe with steel casing for water crossing under an existing storm drain line. Additional improvements include installing one (1) new fire hydrant, (4) water meter service connections, one (1) fire service connection, gate valves, fitting and thrust blocks; relocating an existing streetlight that conflicts with the new driveway approach; and installing a parkway culvert for storm drain outlet to the curb and gutter. All work will be performed via open-cut excavation. The excavation will have a maximum depth of 60 inches, width of 20 inches, and a maximum length of 530 linear feet. No public utilities will be relocated, and no new right-of-way will be acquired for the project.

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

Susan Tse Koo	<i>Susan Tse Koo</i>	04/21/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Thao Tran	<i>Thao Tran</i>	04/21/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

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 6 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Susan Tse Koo (Print Name), Susan Tse Koo (Signature), 04/21/2025 (Date)

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Thao Tran (Print Name), Thao Tran (Signature), 04/21/2025 (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:

- Please contact the Division of Environmental Planning should there be changes to the project scope.
- If there are any such changes to the proposed undertaking, an additional review by the cultural resource unit will be required. If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.
- Though the plant palette for this project is diverse, there are zero plant species native to the area. While this is only a recommendation, the Department requests the inclusion of a few natives (CA buckwheats, coyotebush, sugar bush, etc)if possible. These are drought tolerant and give a sense of place.
- Waste soil requiring off-site disposal may be generated from the excavation of the trench. The soil should be tested for chemicals of concern required by the receiving facility to develop a waste profile. If analytical testing indicates that the waste soil will be characterized as a hazardous waste, the analytical results, waste profile, and the proposed disposal facility acceptance letter must be provided to OEE Hazardous Waste Branch for review and concurrence prior to shipment of the excess soil to the receiving facility.
- Caltrans shall not be identified as the generator of the waste soil, and the waste soil containers shall not be stored on Caltrans right-of-way. See attached Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management Special Provisions (TR-0408).