



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name (if applicable): Utility Trench Installation	
DIST-CO-RTE: 07-LA-107	PM/PM: 1.27
TRACKING Number: 0725-6US-0305	DEP CE Number: 202504008
<u>Project Description</u>	
<p>Gable House Development, LLC proposed to perform traffic control activities within Caltrans right-of-way along State Route 107 at Post Mile (PM) 1.27 for dry utility installation across Hawthorne Blvd at 225th and 226th Streets, in the City of Torrance, Los Angeles County. The proposed dry utility work will consist of installing two 5-inch DB100 conduits across Hawthorne Blvd. to an existing vault located near the northeast corner of Hawthorne Blvd and 225th Street (SCE rule 15 scope) and one 5-inch DB conduit onto Hawthorne Blvd to an existing intercept point near 226th Street (SCE rule 20 scope). All work will be done via open cut trench and will include the installation of temporary shoring and trench plates for public safety. Excavation will have a maximum depth of 120 inches, width of 30-inches and length of 637 linear feet. No public utilities will be relocated and no new right-of-way will be acquired for the project.</p>	

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

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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.

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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.
- The Office of Permit needs to provide the Encroachment Permit Special Provisions (TR-0408) to the applicant.
- 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 Caltrans-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.