

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans, District 21657 Riverside DriveRedding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Bridge Maintenance in Shasta and Siskiyou CountiesProject Applicant: Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

Project would occur at multiple locations in Shasta and Siskiyou counties. Most locations occur on Interstate 5 between Redding and Dunsmuir, with other location on State Routes 44 and 299 in Redding and to the East.

Project Location - City: VariousProject Location - County: Shasta/Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Perform maintenance on twelve bridges in order to extend their useful life. The bridges have experienced wear and damage as a result of traffic and the elements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CaltransName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1; 15301 Existing Facilities
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans has determined the project to be categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15301 - Existing Facilities. The department is performing maintenance on existing facilities that does not involve expansion of use. Additionally, there would not be any significant environmental impacts as a result of the proposed work.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Carolyn SullivanArea Code/Telephone/Extension: 530.225.2928

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: Carolyn Sullivan Date: 5/13/19 Title: ENV. Branch Chief☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

02-Var-Var	Var	02-4H130	0218000134
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A./Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Briefly describe project including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using State-only funds, is proposing a project that will perform maintenance on twelve bridges in Shasta and Siskiyou counties in order to extend their useful life. The twelve bridges in this project have experienced wear and damage as a result of traffic and the elements, thus shortening their useful life. Construction activities will be confined to bridge decks, joint areas, paved roadway approach/departure conform areas and shoulder areas within approximately 200 feet of each bridge. Continued on page 2.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency ☐ Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, 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.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

☐ **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].)]

<p>Carolyn Sullivan</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p><i>Carolyn Sullivan</i> 5/13/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Lance Brown <i>Michael Counce for</i></p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p><i>Lance Brown</i> 5/13/19</p> <p>Signature Date</p>
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NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA, and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☐ **23 USC 326:** The State 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). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 31, 2016, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State 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 the State

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State 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.

Not Applicable

<p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>Signature Date</p>	<p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p>Signature Date</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A Date of ECR or equivalent: _____

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).

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Continuation Sheet

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Work will be performed from the bridge superstructures and there will be no contact with the ground beneath the bridges. All locations are anticipated to have one 12-foot lane available to traffic during construction. No K-rail will be used. Excavation will be performed only as necessary to modify existing approach/departure conform paving (<6 inches depth), install Type-VWB metal beam guard rail (MBGR) transitions, and install construction area signs. No utility relocation will be necessary. Waste will become property of the contractor. Construction will take approximately 117 working days (approximately 90 on-site and 27 for submittals). The project will go to construction in the spring of 2020.

Purpose and Need:

The purpose of the project is to extend the useful life of twelve bridges in Shasta and Siskiyou counties. The project is need due to degradation of the structures as a result of traffic and the elements.

Construction Activities:

1. SHA 5/PM R12.92, Bridge Number (BN) 06-0123, Loma Vista Drive Over Cross (OC). Treat the bridge deck with methacrylate (crack/concrete sealant). Construction will take approximately 3 working days.
2. SHA 5/PM R18.07, BN 06-0143R, Twin View Boulevard Under Cross (UC). Replace bridge joint seals. Construction will take approximately 2 working days.
3. SHA 5/PM R27.63, BN 06-0149, Bridge Bay OC. Replace the existing polyester concrete overlay and joint seals. Work will take approximately 15 working days.
4. SHA 5/PM 49.15, BN 06-0180, Lamoine Road OC. Replace joint seals. Construction will take approximately 2 working days.
5. SHA 5/PM R50.81, BN 06-0176, Pollard Flat OC. Replace joint seals. Construction will take approximately 2 working days.
6. SHA 5/PM 53.3, BN 06-0179, Gibson Road OC. Replace joint seals. Construction will take approximately 2 working days.
7. SHA 5/PM 63.58, BN 06-0117, Castella UC. Replace the existing polyester concrete overlay. Construction will take approximately 18 working days.
8. SHA 44/PM R2.09, BN 06-0198, Shasta View OC. Treat the bridge deck with methacrylate. Work Construction will take approximately 4 working days.
9. SHA 44/PM R7.40, BN 06-0152, Cow Creek. Treat the bridge deck with methacrylate. Work Construction will take approximately 4 working days.
10. SHA 44/PM R14.45, BN 06-0080, Bear Creek. Grind off the existing 1" overlay and place a new 1" overlay, pave in new 50' long Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) conforms at the ends of the bridge. Work Construction will take approximately 14 working days.
11. Shasta 299/ PM 23.91, BN 06-0035, Redding OH. Replace the existing polyester concrete overlay and joint seals. Construction will take approximately 16 working days.
12. SIS 5/ PM 2.65, BN 02-0002, Sacramento River BOH. Replace joint seals (North bound side only). Construction will take approximately 10 working days.
13. All location will require bird and bat exclusion to be implemented during the non-nesting season. Additionally, vegetation removal is not in the scope of work.

Staging Areas:

Staging areas at all locations will include existing shoulders, medians, lanes and previously disturbed areas which are currently available to the public (if any) within about 200 feet of each bridge.

Disposal/Borrow Areas:

No borrow will be required for the project. All waste material will become property of the contractor.

Right-of-Way and Utilities:

No additional Right-of-Way will be required for the project. No utility relocation will be performed.

Consultation/Coordination:

Consultation was conducted with Forest Service officials and Native American Tribes and groups. No issues concerning the project have been received at this time.

Permits:

No regulatory permits are required for this project.

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