

# Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

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County Clerk

County of: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Public Agency): State of California  
Department of Transportation-District 11 San Diego  
4050 Taylor St. MS 242, San Diego, CA 92110

(Address)

Project Title: SR-125 Cold Plane and Overlay Project (EA 3A257)

Project Applicant: State of California- Department of Transportation District 11

Project Location - Specific:

SR-125 from Postmile (PM) 13.16 in the City of La Mesa to PM 13.36 in unincorporated San Diego County.

Project Location - City: La Mesa

Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to maintain pavement quality on SR-125.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation- District 11

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation- District 11

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 (PRC 21084; CCR 15301)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

In compliance with CEQA Class 1, the project is within current Caltrans right-of-way and consists of maintenance of existing public facilities. The project involves no expansion of existing use.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Alyssa Velloze

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-688-6763

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: [Signature] Date: 5-16-19 Title: Environmental Planner

☒ 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

11-SD-125	* 13.16/13.36	3A257/1119000158
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.)

Caltrans Maintenance is proposing a project on SR-125 in San Diego County starting in the City of La Mesa and ending in unincorporated San Diego County. The project will cold plane 0.20' and replace with 0.20' of RHMA-G at the Southbound 125 to Southbound 94 connector. Please see the Environmental Commitment Record (ECR) for commitments.

**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].)]

**Kevin Hovey**

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

**J. Shawn Rizzutto**

Print Name: Project Manager

Signature

5/14/19  
Date

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Date

**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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

Date

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature

Date

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:

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).