

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency) Caltrans, Dist. 06
855 M Street
Fresno CA 93721

County Clerk
County of:

Project Title: Easton Rumble Strips

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
On State Route 41 between North Avenue and Elkhorn Avenue in Fresno County. Specifically from Post Mile 6.07/20.08

Project Location - City: Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to improve safety on State Route 41 by installing shoulder rumble strips. The project also will improve Intelligent Transportation System elements at 10 locations within the project limits. Existing signs will also be upgraded within the project area.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq
Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason why project is exempt:

This project is exempt because ground disturbance will be limited to three feet in depth at 10 locations. All other work will be completed on existing pavement.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jeff Sorensen Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 445-6447

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: Date: 6/17/19 Title: Senior 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 Co

Date Received for filing at OPR

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-FRE-41	6.07/20.08	06-0Y030	0618000194
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.)			
<p>The purpose of this project is to improve safety on State Route 41. The project proposes to construct shoulder rumble strips on the inside and outside shoulder of State Route 41. Other improvements include installing and modifying Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements at 10 locations within the project limits. This work will include new sensors placed in the roadway along with pullboxes. This will require minor trenching at an approximate depth of 3 feet. Existing signs will also be upgraded at various locations</p>			
CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency		<input type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 4. (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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 15001[b][3].))			
Jeff Sorensen		Judy Aguilar	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager	
Signature		Signature	
6/13/19		6/14/19	
Date		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:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(22)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity _____ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
Jeff Sorensen		Judy Aguilar	
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
Signature		Signature	
6/13/19		6/14/19	
Date		Date	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6/13/19		Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/13/19	

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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Water Quality

Standard Specification 13-1 Water Pollution

Biology

Preconstruction surveys for nesting birds

Hazardous Waste

If excess soil is generated SSP 7-1.02k(6)(j)(iii) will be needed.

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