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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency):
California Department of Transportation, District 7
100 S. Main St, MS-16A, Los Angeles, CA 90012
(Address)

Project Title: Bridge Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 7

Project Location - Specific:
In Ventura County on routes 1, 23, 34, 101, 118, and 126 at various post miles, and in Los Angeles County on routes 101, 118, and 126 at various post miles.

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Ventura and Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to perform bridge maintenance at twenty (20) locations in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties. The proposed activities are detailed in the attached CE form.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7

- 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: Class 1(d) under section 15301
[] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Based on information gathered by specialists & summarized in the attached CE form, the proposed project will not result in significant impacts to the environment. The proposed project is considered to be exempt from CEQA, per Class 1 of Section 15301 item (d): Restoration & Rehabilitation.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Gabrielle Dashiell Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213)897-1185

- 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: 6/27/2019 Title: Environmental Planner

[X] Signed by Lead Agency [] Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

07-VEN-1,23,34,101,118,126 Various	4W500	EFIS: 0718000348
07-LA-101,118,126		CE#: 201905012
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 is proposing to perform bridge maintenance on twenty (20) locations in Ventura County on routes 1, 23, 34, 101, 118, and 126 at various post miles, and in Los Angeles County on routes 101, 118, and 126 at various post miles. The following work is proposed: seal bridge deck cracks with methacrylate treatment, repair bridge deck spall, repair the existing AC pavement on roadway along edge of bridge deck on locations 2, 3, and 13, patch spalls at soffits, apply methacrylate on bridge deck, and replace bridge joint seals. Please see attached for exact locations. All work will be within Caltrans right-of-way.

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:

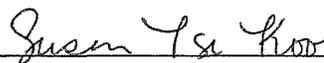
Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

Categorically Exempt. Class1(d). (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].)]

Susan Tse
 Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

 Signature _____ Date 06/27/2019

Christian Sam
 Print Name: Project Manager

 Signature _____ Date 6/27/19

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 _____

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of ECR or equivalent : 6/26/19

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Continuation Sheet

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Environmental Commitments as of 6/25/19:

Biology:

- There is potential for minimal indirect impacts to nesting birds in the project area; therefore, bird nesting surveys will be required at least 72 hours prior to the beginning of work. The district biologist Celina Oliveri must be notified at (213) 897-1950 or Celina.Oliveri@dot.ca.gov, at least 1 week prior to the beginning of construction so that bird nesting surveys can be scheduled.
- There will be no clearing or grubbing of vegetation as a result of this project.
- All appropriate storm water and Erosion Best Management Practices will be incorporated into the project specifications with specific emphasis on avoidance of impacts to any drainages or in the case of Location #1, Big Sycamore Creek.
- All pollution and litter laws and regulations will be followed by the contractor.
- If this project scope should change for any reason, this Division or Environmental Planning will be notified to determine whether current environmental documentation is adequate.
- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided the Project Specifications & Expenditures Review Package for review and comments prior to RTL.
- All work will be limited to the prism of the roadway, or the edge of the unvegetated roadway for purposes of equipment maneuvering and traffic control.

Cultural:

- If there are any changes to the proposed activities or if additional locations are added, an additional review by the cultural resources unit will be required.
- If previously unidentified cultural resources are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Hazardous Waste:

- The Contractor shall prepare a project specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead in the soil in accordance with the standard specifications for all work in unpaved areas. SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) shall be included in the PS&E package.
- Yellow striping is present and will require removal. The contractor shall prepare a project specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) in accordance with the special provisions. The SSP 14-11.12 shall be included in the PS&E package.
- The removal of the joint seal assembly at the hinge of Lewis Road Bridge L/R, replacement of the elastomeric bearing pads at the Victoria Avenue OC and grinding of the Mobil Pier bridge deck will require the removal of structural concrete. The structural concrete must be tested during construction by a certified asbestos consultant (CAC) for the presence of asbestos in the concrete. The joint seals do not contain asbestos. The Lewis Road Bridge L/R was built in 1972 after the use of joint seals with asbestos ceased. NSSP 14-11.16 for Asbestos Containing Construction Material will be submitted to HQ DEA for approval. The NSSP will be provided to you after HQ approval.
- The project involves construction area signs with wood posts. The wood used for the construction area signs is a potential source of hazardous material. The wood sign posts are treated with chemical preservatives. Arsenic, chromium, copper, and pentachlorophenol are among the chemicals added to preserve wood. Once these wood posts are removed and become waste, they are considered as treated wood waste (TWW). TWW is a California Waste and the handling, storage, transportation, and disposal are subject to California Regulations in accordance with standard special provision 14-11.14. Please allocate appropriate funds for disposal of TWW and the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration (CDTFA) fee.
- Mixing and application of Methacrylate sealant requires air monitoring as described in SSP 60-3.03B. Include SSP 60-3.03B, owned by Structures Policy and Innovation, in the special provisions.

Coastal:

- A permit/exemption for the project elements which are within the Ventura County Coastal zone must be obtained prior to RTL.

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Locations of Construction					
Location Number	Route	Post Mile	Bridge Number	Description	County
1	1	4.52	52-0011	Big Sycamore Creek	Ven
2	23	R5.61	52-0318	Avenida De Las Flores	Ven
3	23	R6.03	52-0308R	Avenida De Los Arboles UC	Ven
4	23	R7.16	52-0311	Sunset Hills Blvd OC	Ven
5	34	R13.27	52-0348	Lewis Road OH	Ven
6	101	R34.68	52-0220L	Dulah Road UC	Ven
7	101	R34.68	52-0220R	Dulah Road UC	Ven
8	101	R39.78	52-0328L	Mobil Pier UC	Ven
9	101	R39.78	52-0328R	Mobil Pier UC	Ven
10	101	27.36	53-2775	Valley Circle Blvd OC	LA
11	101	35.04	53-0945	Kanan Road OC	LA
12	118	0.52	52-0230R	Route 118/126 Separation	Ven
13	118	R29.56	52-0300	Yosemite Street OC	Ven
14	118	R32.43	52-0283	Rocky Peak Road OC	Ven
15	118	R7.03	53-2466	Louise Avenue OC	LA
16	126	1.45	52-0226	Victoria Avenue OC	Ven
17	126	2.80	52-0228	Kimball Road OC	Ven
18	126	4.49	52-0229	Saticoy Avenue OC	Ven
19	126	R6.95	52-0249	Edwards OC	Ven
20	126	R5.84	53-2944	126/5 Separation	LA