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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: _____

From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
(Address)

Project Title: Installation of Fiber Optic (03-1H820)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Project Location - Specific:

This project is located on US Highway 50 in El Dorado County (PM) 12.5/23.14, 0.0/1.7

Project Location - City: Sacramaneto, CA Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this project is to improve communication performance through the installation of a fiber optics and wireless communication to minimize theft of copper lines. This project is needed to upgrade the performance and maintenance requirements of the existing communication system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

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, Section 15301 - Existing Facilities
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The operation, repair, maintenance permitting, leasing, or licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topological features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination is exempt under CEQA Section 15301-Existing Facilities.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mike Bartlett Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-635-3430

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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/2/2019 Title: Sr. Environmental Planner

[X] 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: _____

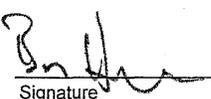
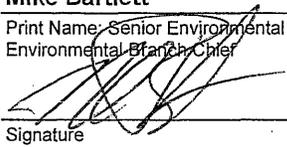
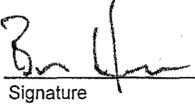
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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-SAC/ED-50	12.5/23.14 00-1.7	03-1H820	031700006
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) is proposing to install a combination of fiber optics and wireless communication on State Route 50 in Sacramento/El Dorado Counties, PM 12.5/1.67. The purpose of this project is to improve communication performance through the installation of a fiber optics and wireless communication to minimize theft of copper lines. This project is needed to upgrade the performance and maintenance requirements of the existing communication system to more efficiently manage traffic operations which will in turn help to reduce congestion and delay.			
CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)			
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):			
<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. 			
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	
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)			
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. Class 1. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Categorically Exempt. General Rule 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 (CCR 15061[b][3].)]			
<u>Mike Bartlett</u> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		<u>Ben Hargrove</u> Print Name: Project Manager	
 Signature		 Signature	
Date: 6/27/19		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:			
<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)(21)			
<input type="checkbox"/> 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()			
<input type="checkbox"/> Activity 27 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.			
<u>Mike Bartlett</u> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief		<u>Ben Hargrove</u> Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer	
 Signature		 Signature	
Date: 6/27/19		Date: 6/27/19	
Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6/27/19		Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/27/19	

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Continuation Sheet

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Scope of Work:

- Upgrade existing 17 signal cabinets located within the project limits
 - Work includes communication equipment upgrade in existing cabinets.
- Install 5 new CCTV poles at the following locations:
 - Sac-50-PM 17.05 Folsom Blvd
 - A paved maintenance vehicle pullout (MVP) will be constructed at this location
 - Sac-50-PM19.27 Prairie City
 - Sac-50-PM 21.54 E. Bidwell
 - ED-50-PM 0.77 El Dorado Hills Blvd
 - ED-50-PM 1.79 Silva Valley Pkwy
- All CCTV poles will be 90 feet long and each will have a CIDH Pile foundation of 6" diameter and 15" to 20" depth.
- Roadway excavation, Earthwork and HMA paving for MVP.
- Saw cutting pavement for the vehicle detection loops.
- Connect all ITS elements and signals on SR 50 in Sacramento County between PM 15.76 (Hazel Ave) and PM 21.5 (Scott Rd) with a combination of WEB Radios and 900 MHZ Wireless Radios.
- Install 3.54 of fiber optic cable from PM 21.5 (Scott Rd) to Silva Valley Pkwy in El Dorado County (PM R1.90 and connect existing ITS elements and signals into the new fiber optic network. The proposed fiber optic cable system will be installed primarily by trenching methods on or adjacent to the highway shoulder:
- Locations with structural under-crossings will require attachment of a conduit.
- Upgrade power source for existing 3 solar powered TMS from solar to electric located at Iron Point Rd, PM 17.88, East of Prairie City, PM 20.08 and West of Scott Rd, PM 20.6.
 - Work includes installation of conduits by excavating 6" x 30" trench
- Connect 4 traffic signals with wireless communication at the following locations:
 - WB & EB Folsom Blvd
 - WB & EB Prairie City Rd
- Connect 6 traffic signals to fiber communication and upgrade signal cabinets at the following locations:
 - WB Scott/Bidwell St
 - EB Scott/Bidwell St
 - WB El Dorado Hills Blvd
 - EB Latrobe Rd
 - WB Silva Valley Pkwy
 - EB Silva Valley Pkwy
 - Work includes an upgrade of existing cabinets

Environmental Commitments:

Staging:

- All Staging will occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way.

Right-of-Way:

- All work will be done within State Right of Way.

Utilities:

- Utility locations will be within Caltrans Right of Way

Hazardous Waste:

- Aerially Deposited Lead (ADL) - There is the likely presence of soils with elevated concentrations of lead because of ADL on the State highway system right-of-way within the limits of the project alternatives that must be managed under the July 1, 2016 ADL Agreement between Caltrans and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control. This Agreement allows such soils to be safely reused within the project limits if all requirements of the Agreement are met.
- Since the project will involve excavation of soil potentially contaminated with ADL, a site investigation is required to investigate in the anticipated disturbed areas. The Project Engineer or Project Manager should request the site investigation approximately six months prior to PS&E because this office will have to prepare, approve, and issue a task order to our hazardous waste site investigation contractor. The project EA will have to fund and estimated \$40,000 for the site investigation.

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- Traffic Striping - The project will likely require a specification(s) for handling and disposing traffic striping, pavement markings, and thermoplastic.
- Bridge or Structure Survey – If the contract involves demolition or construction of existing bridges or structures, then a structure or bridge survey will be required to evaluate for lead-based paint and asbestos containing material. The Project Engineer or Project Manager should request the survey in Phase 0, so that the task order and field work can be performed in Phase 1. The project EA will have to fund an estimated \$20,000 for this work.
- To avoid impacts to nesting birds, conduit shall not be installed on the underside of structures

Permits

- There are no permits required for this project.