CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11-SD-125	13.0/22.3	42380 1116000061	
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.)*

On State Route 125 in San Diego County near La Mesa from 0.2 mile south of SR-125/SR-94 Separation to Mission Gorge Road in Santee, Caltrans proposes to extend the service life of the PCC and AC pavement in the southbound and northbound directions of SR-125, between PM 13.0 and 22.3, approximately 60.4 lane miles. shoulders, all exit/entrance ramps, gores and all connectors by grinding or replacing slabs on PCC lanes while coldplaning and placing asphalt on the AC lanes and shoulders. All exit and entrance ramps, including Spring Street, Lemon Avenue, Grossmont Blvd., Amaya Drive, Navajo Road, Grossmont College Drive and Mission Gorge Road require ADA upgrades and upgrades to traffic safety items such as MBGR and drainage work. Work will also be performed at connectors SR-125/SR-94; SR-125/I-8 and SR-125/SR-52 interchanges. If there are any changes to the project scope or new work is required, Caltrans Environmental (619)688-0229) shall be contacted for further review. No new right of way required.

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.):

- 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)

☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency**

☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**

☐ **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:

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

☐ **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].)

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Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature — Date: 4/18/19

W. Michael Nichols
Print Name: Project Manager

Signature — Date: 4/17/2019

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)

☐ 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. Based on the evaluation of this project and supporting documentation in the project files, all the conditions of the 2016 Caltrans Programmatic CE Agreement have been met.

- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(___)**
- ☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(___)**
- ☐ **Activity ___ listed in Appendix C of the 2016 Caltrans Programmatic CE Agreement**

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature — Date

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature — Date

Date of PCE Checklist completion:

Date of ECR or equivalent :

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