

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

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County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation
100 South Main St., Suite 100, Main Station 16A
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: SR-210 Stormwater Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 210 freeway from postmiles R44.7 to R52.1.

Project Location - City: _____ Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is proposing installation of 19 Best Management Practice devices (BMPs) for a Stormwater Mitigation Project along State Route 210 (SR-210).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project improves the operation of the existing transportation facility and is within the State's right-of-way.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Chris Laurel

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-897-3616

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: Chris Laurel Date: 11/5/2019 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: November 12, 2019

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

07-LA-210 R44.7/R52.1 32850 0716000178 / CE# 201908012
 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) proposes a Best Management Practice Devices (BMPs) installation project along State Route 210 (SR-210) between post mile (PM) 44.7 and PM 52.1 in Los Angeles County, California. The project includes placement of Design Pollution Prevention Areas (DPPA), biofiltration swales, biofiltration strips, and an infiltration basin at 19 locations along SR-210 (see attached list), between N Amelia Avenue and Monte Vista Avenue. Establishment of four Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MVPs) is also planned. A geotechnical investigation will also be needed which will include one boring and 13 infiltration tests (locations attached). The purpose of the project is to make improvements to the existing highway drainage system by incorporating BMPs that will reduce the amount of naturally occurring materials (e.g., vegetation, rocks, soils, and litter) discharged into local waterways.

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.)

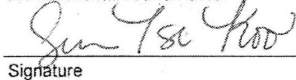
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- 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].)]

Susan Tse Koo

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief



Signature

11/5/2019

Date

Amir Elsharief

Print Name: Project Manager



Signature

11/5/2019

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) ()

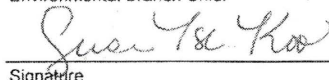
☐ 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) ()

☒ Activity 1 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.

Susan Tse Koo

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief



Signature

11/5/2019

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Amir Elsharief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer


 Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 10/30/19

Date of ECR or equivalent: 10/30/19

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).