

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-Nev-80	R12.2/13.3	1J030/0320000065
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 Interstate 80 in Nevada County, from post mile R12.2 to 13.3, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes shoulder pavement repair and operational improvements in the Westbound (WB) direction. The purpose of this project is to remove and replace striping by removing the merge at the WB loop on-ramp and lengthening the ramp merge at the WB loop on-ramp to provide a safe merge. This project is needed due to slow moving trucks in conflict with merging traffic from two WB I-80 on ramps at the Donner Pass Overcrossing (OC). Slow truck traffic is unable to merge to the number 1 lane to avoid the on-ramp traffic. This project will lengthen the on-ramp merges at both WB on ramps and extend the existing 3 lane section east approximately 2700 feet back to Donner Pass OC. This will provide additional weave area for truck traffic to move over and allow on ramp traffic to merge safely.

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].)]

<p>Mike Bartlett</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date <u>1/23/2020</u></p>	<p>Rex Hervey</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date <u>1/24/2020</u></p>
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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)

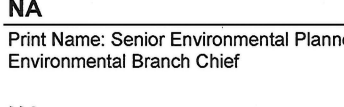
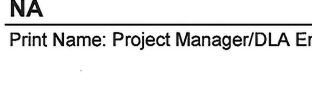
☐ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under 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.

<p>NA</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p>	<p>NA</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p></p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date _____</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: _____ Date of ECR or equivalent : 1/21/20

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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Scope of Work

- Pavement Grinding
 - Depth of Grinding: 3 inches maximum
- Restriping
- Lane closure is needed
- Work will be done at night
- All proposed work will reside within the existing pavement limits
- Install 4 roadside signs
 - Depth of metal post: 3-4 ft.
- Install a 150ft concrete barrier.
- Remove and replace approximately 306 square yards of asphalt concrete in various locations

Environmental Commitments

- SSP84-9.03B – Thermoplastic/Paint striping