

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

10-SJ-4	18.8	10-1E310/1019000016	
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 to widen the truck turning radius on State Route 4 at postmile 18.8, in San Joaquin County at the southwest corner of the intersection of Filbert Street/East Myrtle Street and will include a portion of the SR-4 westbound onramp. The purpose of this project is to extend the service life of the existing pavement. The need of this project is to accommodate the turning radius for the large Surface Transportation Assistance Act (STAA).

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>Dominic Vitali</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p> 2/12/20</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Vu Nguyen</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p> 2/13/20</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</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>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>	<p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p>Signature _____ Date _____</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: n/a Date of ECR or equivalent : 2-12-2020

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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Continuation Sheet

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General:

- Environmental Reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources are discovered.

Hazardous Waste:

- Implement Caltrans Standard Special Provision pertaining to ISA Earth Material containing Lead, 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii).
- If yellow thermoplastic traffic stripe or pavement markings are removed separately from the pavement, the residue must be tested for hazardous waste prior to disposal and, if found to be hazardous, must be disposed of at Class 1 facility. Implement Caltrans Standard Special Specification 14-11.12 to the construction contract.

Cultural Resources:

- If cultural materials are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 1. Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery;
 2. Protect the discovery area; and
 3. Notify the Engineer
- The Department investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the job site. Retain a qualified archaeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At the time the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

No permits are required for this project.