

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

06-FRE-180 59.1 0Y790/0619000047
 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 purpose of this project is to install a more resilient guardrail barrier on the connector ramp from westbound State Route 180 to northbound State Route 41 in Fresno County. The need is to decrease maintenance workers exposure to traffic when conducting repairs on the state highway and reducing the number of vehicle collisions (Traffic Accident and Surveillance and Analysis System report July 1, 2012-June 30, 2015).

The project would remove approximately 900-feet of metal beam guardrail and replace it with approximately 900-feet of Type 60 concrete barrier along both sides of the two-lane connector ramp. There will be cast-in-drilled-hole concrete piles (16"X9") installed under the concrete barrier.

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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ANAND KAPOOR
 Print Name: Project Manager

Juergen Vespermann
 Signature

2-27-20
 Date

Anand Kapoor 2/27/2020
 Signature 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 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 2/27/2020

Date of ECR or equivalent: 2/27/2020

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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SSP 7-1.02k(6)(j)(II) Earth material containing lead

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