

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11-IMP-7 South of **43050 / 1118000265**
 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.)

Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC), Federal Highways (FHWA), and Caltrans along with U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) propose to widen the existing structure of the Calexico East Port of Entry (POE) Bridge over the All-American Canal near the USA/Mexico border to facilitate flow to the existing inspection booths. These traffic operational improvements include adding four new lanes, two each for passenger and commercial vehicles, and modernization of the northbound (NB) pedestrian walkway and other appurtenant structures for bridges and roadways, minimal modification to landscape, drainage, signage, and lighting. Replacement in kind to any items modified by construction activities. The staging and/or Construction area is included and would be located on GSA Property. See the Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) for all required project commitments.

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].)]

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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) (27)**
 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: **3/1/2020** Date of ECR or equivalent: **3/1/2020**

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The Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) lists all the required environmental commitments for this project including the following commitments.

NPDES/STORM WATER COMPLIANCE

This project will be designed in conformance with the NPDES Permit Order 2012-0011DWQ and Appendix E of the Caltrans Project Planning and Design Guide (PPDG).

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Adherence to the Standard Specifications for Aerially deposited lead (ADL) and lead compliance plan (LCP).

VISUAL RESOURCES

Visual Impact Analysis Memo project design and construction matters identified will be commitments as identified within the ECR and include material color palette, lighting, landscaping and design guidance.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Adherence to the Standard Specifications that support Caltrans' policy to avoid cultural resources whenever possible.

The following documentation is of the environmental analysis showcasing the compliance on this CE/CE:

- Biological Resources with the Natural Environmental Study, as revised
- Community Impact Assessment (CIA) with a Memorandum
- Cumulative Impacts with a Memorandum
- Cultural and Historic Resources with the Historic Property Survey Report (HPSR), and First Supplemental
- Hazardous Waste with a Memorandum and Aerial Deposited Lead (ADL) Report
- Hydrology and Floodplain with the Summary Floodplain Encroachment Report
- Paleontological Resources with a Memorandum
- Visual and Landscape Impact Assessment with a Memorandum
- Air Quality Report that includes GHG and Climate Change
- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Memorandum
- Noise Study Report (NSR)
- Section 4(f) with a Memorandum
- Section 6(f) with a Memorandum
- Utilities / Emergency Services with a Memorandum
- Traffic Study
- Water Quality with a Memorandum