

# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

<b>03-YOL-VAR</b>	<b>L0.000/0.00</b>	<b>03-4F650</b>	<b>0314000233</b>
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 conduct a geotechnical investigation to evaluate subsurface conditions for the Yolo Pavement Rehab project. The information obtained, which includes a total of 8 Auger (A) / Mud-Rotary (MR) borings and 4 Hand Auger (HA) borings, will be used for the geotechnical/foundation design.

**Purpose and Need:**

The overall scope of the Yolo Pavement Rehab project proposes to rehabilitate and reconstruct the existing pavement, replace 14 of the existing Overhead (OH) Signs and replace 1 existing Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Camera, repair and upgrade the existing drainage facilities, shoulder widenings at some of the on and off-ramp locations, and the widening of two bridges (West Capitol Ave. UC, Br. No. 22-0142 and Reed Ave. UC, Br. No. 22-0149). Geotechnical studies will be needed to geotechnical/foundation designs and to evaluate liquefaction potential during the PA&ED phase of the project.

**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:

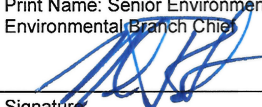
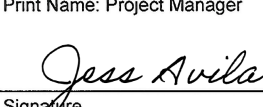
☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt. Class 1 (b).** (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.

☐ Exempt by General Rule. [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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<p><i>5/6/20</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>	<p><i>05/06/2020</i></p> <p>Date _____</p>

**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)

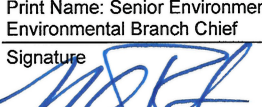
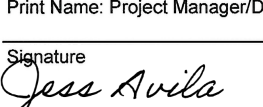
☒ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under 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)(22)**

☐ **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: \_\_\_\_\_      Date of ECR or equivalent: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Continuation Sheet

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

### Construction Activities

- Geotech drilling will create eight geotechnical bore holes at approximately 100 feet deep and four hand augers at approximately 10 feet dep.
- Once these holes are drilled and work is completed, they will be backfilled to the surface with grout.

### Staging area

- Staging areas will be completed within 100 feet of the bore hole locations, which is within the environmental study limit.

### Disposal/Borrow

- There is no anticipated disposal/borrow area for this drilling.

### Right-of Way

- Geotechnical drilling will require one right-of-way from City of West Sacramento for one of the bore holes that is located at Reed Ave.

### Consultation/Coordination

- No need for consultation or coordination.

### Permits

- The County C-57 permit is required for backfilling the bore holes and arranged by the Geotechnical services. Encroachment permit from City of West Sacramento is required to access the bore hole that is located at Reed Ave.

Add measure from NES