

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

01-LAK-20 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	26.54-26.63 P.M./P.M.	01-0G550/ 0117000018 E.A./Project No.	N/A Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.
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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 improve safety for motorists traveling on State Route (SR) 20. The project is needed to reduce severity of collisions. Local residents have requested safety improvement through this section of highway.

The project proposes to install Soldier Pile Wall (SPW) and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) along the eastbound lanes of SR 20. This project's original scope to improve safety along this section of SR 20 was initially requested to improve shoulder width.

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].)]

Ken Russo

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Kenneth Russo

Signature

Kimberly Floyd

Print Name: Project Manager

Kim Floyd

Signature

5/11/2020

Date

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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.

N/A

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

N/A

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: N/A

Date of ECR or equivalent :

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Project Description Continued: The Previous Minor B scope proposed to install MGS special (no options for current or future shoulder width). The project changed hands and went to a Minor A due to funding limitations. It was then proposed that a SPW be used to allow for current shoulder width and future pavement width to aide in the safety of the section of roadway.

Scope of work includes:

- Minor clearing and grubbing of vegetation
- Removing trees within three feet of where the wall will be installed and trim trees for equipment access.
- Place approximately 120 square yards of vegetation control (concrete)
- Repave roadway and restripe approximately 700 linear feet of edge line.

Hazardous Waste: Standard Special Provisions (SSP) will be required for aerielly deposited lead, thermo plastic/paint striping and treated wood waste. SSP will be provided during Plans, Specifications, and Estimates phase.

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