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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk
County of: SAC

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans - District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901

(Address)

Project Title: BUT/YUB/SAC Radar Speed Feedback Signs (03-0J190)

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located in Sacramento County, on Route 12 at various postmile and in Butte and Yuba Counties on Route 70 at various postmiles

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: Yuba

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A Director's Order was issued to place radar speed feedback signs, due to recurring traffic incidents, to reduce the impact of traffic incidents to the State transportation system and its users along the Delta. The scope of work includes the installation of solar speed radar feedback signs, traffic control, and incidental work.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 3

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Section 15301
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Addition of safety devices; does not have the potential to have an adverse effect on the environment.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Bibiana Rodriguez Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 741-4139

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
 2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature:  Date: 7/21/20 Title: Env. Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: Jul 21 2020

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE



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DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: VAR/VAR

EA: 03-0J190

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

A Director's Order was issued to place radar speed feedback signs on Routes 12 and 70, in Sacramento, Butte, and Yuba Counties at various locations. The scope of work includes the installation of solar speed radar feedback signs, traffic control, and incidental work. Due to recurring traffic incidents, the installation of speed feedback signs is proposed to reduce the impact of traffic incidents to the State transportation system and its users along the Delta. Radar speed feedback signs are used to reduce the number of vehicles traveling over the posted speeds thereby reducing the number of vehicle collisions and related impacts to the transportation system.

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Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency

☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, 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.)

☒ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.

☐ **Covered by the 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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Mike Bartlett

Print Name

Signature

Date

7/2/20

Project Manager

Anthony W. Thurman

Print Name

Signature

Date

Anthony Thurman

7/21/2020



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans 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). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☐ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(Enter activity number)**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**

☐ **Activity Enter activity number listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: Enter date

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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Continuation sheet:

Location List:

County	Route	Postmile	Direction
SAC	12	0.95	Eastbound (EB)
SAC	12	3.52	Westbound (WB)
SAC	12	3.84	EB
SAC	12	5.33	WB
BUT	70	8.17	Southbound (SB)
YUB	70	19.9	Northbound (NB)
YUB	70	22.0	SB
YUB	70	24.9	NB
YUB	70	25.3	SB

All staging and work would take place within the Caltrans right-of-way.

No borrow or disposal is required.

No need for consultation or coordination.

No permits are required.