CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)

Project Information

**Project Name (if applicable):** Replace Chronic CMS’S Project 2

**DIST-CO-RTE:**03-ED,SAC-50,80 **PM/PM:** VAR

**EA:**03-2G880 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0322000256

Note: Also enter the EA and Federal-Aid Project Number (if applicable) in the footer beginning on page 2 and remove this note.

Project Description

Upgrade nine existing CMS signs and current CMS, which have issues that make them inoperable during winter operations. No ground disturbance will occur as a result of this project.

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.)

[x]  **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](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-1-guidance-for-compliance/ch-34-exemptions-to-ceqa#except) 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**

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**Project Manager**

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[x]  **Not Applicable**

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](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-1-guidance-for-compliance/ch-30-categorical-exclusions#exception) 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, 2022, 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

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**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

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**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):** 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).

Continuation sheet:

**Staging**

If required, staging would occur within State right-of-way.

**Disposal/Borrow**

Based on the scope of the work and due to the nature of the project, a disposal/borrow site would not be required.

**Right-of-Way**

This project would be completed within State right-of-way.

**Consultation and Agency Coordination**

Based on the scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination would not be required.

**Permits**

Based on the scope of work, regulatory permits would not be required