

Notice of Exemption

2019058011

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Los Angeles

From: (Public Agency):
California Department of Transportation, District 7
100 S Main St, Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: Install Rumble Strips In Los Angeles County at Various Locations: LA-91, 105, 110, 405

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation, District 7

Project Location - Specific:

State Route 91 between post mile (PM) 6.34 and PM 18.09, Interstate (I) 105 between PM R0.50 and PM R18.14, I-110 between PM R1.23 and PM R11.89, and I-405 between PM 0.27 and PM 28.51 in Los Angeles County, CA.

Project Location - City: Various

Project Location - County: Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to improve safety for the traveling public by reducing the number and severity of run-off accidents and preventing run-off-the-road incidents by placing ground-in rumble strip on the outside (right) shoulders where the width is greater than four feet.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation, District 7

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 under Section 15301
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Based on the information and analysis summarized in the CE form (attached), the proposed Project would not result in a significant effect on the environment. The proposed Project is considered to be exempt from CEQA, per Class 1 of Section 15332, Existing Facilities.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Vanessa Velasco

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 897-7665

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: Vanessa Velasco Date: April 30, 2019 Title: Assoc. Environmental Planner

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

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: Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

07-LA-91	6.34/18.09	319200	0716000020
07-LA105	R0.50/R18.14		
07-LA-110	R1.23/R11.89		
07-LA-405	0.27/28.51		
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.)

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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:

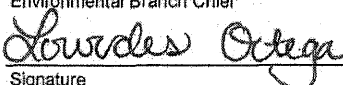
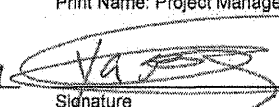
☐ Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

☒ **Categorically Exempt Class 1 under Section 15301.** (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].)]

Lourdes Ortega	Diaa Yassin
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief	Print Name: Project Manager
	
Signature	Signature
3/14/19	3/18/19
Date	Date

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)

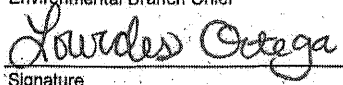

☒ **23 USC 326:** The State has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under 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)(4)

☐ 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: 03/14/2019 Date of ECR or equivalent: 03/14/2019

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

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Continuation Sheet

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The project is currently programmed in the 2018 State Highway Operation & Protection Program (SHOPP) under the 201.015 Safety Improvement Program for delivery in the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year. The project has been assigned to Category 5, in accordance with Chapter 8, Section 5, of the Caltrans Project Development Procedures Manual (PDPM). The proposed activities would not require new right of way or increase the traffic capacity.

The following summarizes the information applicable to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation and compliance requirements:

AESTHETICS

- A Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) questionnaire was completed for the proposed project that determined there would be no noticeable visual changes to the environment and no further analysis is required.

AIR

- The proposed installation of rumble strips will not have any impact on air quality; during construction the project shall comply with Standard Specification section 14-9.02, Air Pollution (see attached Environmental Commitment Record [ECR]).
- The proposed project is exempt from all project-level conformity requirements (40CFR93.126, under the category of "Safety Improvement Program").

NOISE

- The proposed installation of rumble strips will not have any impact on noise; during construction the project shall comply with Standard Specification section 14-8.02, Noise Control (see attached ECR).

CULTURAL RESOURCES

- The provisions of the Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, Executed January 1, 2014, Stipulation VII and Attachment 2 have been applied to this project. This project falls under
 - Class 14 *Installation, removal or replacement of roadway markings, such as painted stripes, raised pavement markers, thermoplastic tape, or raised bars, or installation of sensors in existing pavements.*
 - Class 20 *Modification of traffic control systems or devices utilizing existing infrastructure, including installation, removal, or modification of regulatory, warning, or informational signs or signals.*
- Conclusion: In accordance with the Programmatic Agreement, this undertaking is determined to be a screened undertaking. Based on this review, the undertaking, as currently proposed has no potential to affect historic properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, this undertaking is exempt from further review. Avoidance measures are referenced in the attached ECR in the unlikely event that cultural resources or human remains are discovered during construction.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

- Hazardous waste issues are not anticipated. In the event that unknown hazardous materials are encountered during construction, avoidance measures referenced in the ECR would be employed to address potentially hazardous waste impacts.

BIOLOGY

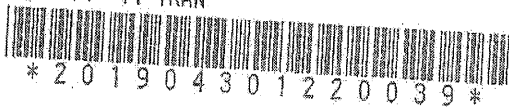
- A Natural Environment Study Minimal Impacts (NESMI) was prepared for the proposed project. No biological impacts are expected.
- To ensure that impacts do not occur, avoidance and minimization measures are identified in the attached ECR.

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