

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: _____

From: (Public Agency): State of California
Department of Transportation-District 11 San Diego
4050 Taylor St., MS 242, San Diego, CA 92110

(Address)

Project Title: EA 42370 Pavement RehabilitationProject Applicant: State of California - Department of Transportation, District 11

Project Location - Specific:

On Interstate 8 eastbound, from post mile R31.7-R41.8 near Alpine, an unincorporated area of San Diego County.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated Area Project Location - County: San Diego

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project purpose is to rehabilitate the eastbound traveled way and shoulders of Interstate 8, consisting of but not limited to removing and replacing the outside lanes with Portland Cement Concrete (PCC), replacing bridge approach and departure slabs, and placing rumblestrips along inside and outside mainline shoulders.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation - District 11

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 (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

In compliance with CEQA Class 1, the project is within current Caltrans right of way and consists of repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities. The project involves no expansion of the existing use.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Sonnier Francisco Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 619-688-6763

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: [Signature] Date: 5/7/2019 Title: Assoc. Env. 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: _____

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

11-SD-8	R31.8/R41.7	42370	1116000059
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.)

This Project proposes to rehabilitate the eastbound (EB) traveled way and shoulders of Interstate 8 (I-8) in San Diego County near Alpine from Viejas Creek Bridge to Pine Valley Creek Bridge, between post miles (PM) R31.8 and R41.7. The work proposed consists of removing and replacing the outside lane with Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) from PM R31.8 to PM R35.2, and the two outer lanes between PM R35.2 to PM R39.64.

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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.** (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].)]

<p>Olga Estrada</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>_____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2-11-19 Date</p>	<p>William M. Nichols</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p>_____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/11/19 Date</p>
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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) (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.

<p>Olga Estrada</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>_____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2-11-19 Date</p>	<p>William M. Nichols</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer</p> <p>_____ Signature</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2/11/19 Date</p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 2-11-19 Date of ECR or equivalent: 2-11-19

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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In addition to the lane replacement work, other work includes:

Full depth removal and replacement of the outside mainlane asphalt concrete AC shoulder with Concrete CRCP structural section covering postmiles R31.8 to R37.83 and with HMA structural section between postmiles R37.85 to R39.64; remaining outside mainline shoulder rehabilitation by cold plane and overlay at a depth of 0.15' with RHMA between postmiles R39.66 to R41.7; rehabilitation by cold plane of the inside mainlane AC shoulder at a depth of 0.20' between postmiles R31.8 to R41.7; individual slab replacement and PCC grinding of existing concrete pavement where lanes are not being replaced; replacing dikes to current standards along with the placement of shoulder backing; placing rumble strip along the inside and outside mainlane shoulders; cold plane and overlay with RHMA all on and off ramps and Vista Point viewing lot at a depth of 0.20'; upgrade existing metal beam guard railing along with replacing bridge railing at 4 different structures; replacing bridge approach and departure slabs; upgrading one ADA curb ramp at the Vista Point viewing lot; rehabilitation of two culverts; reconfigure existing GDO inlets to remove the curb opening face.

Please see attached Environmental Commitments Record for a list of commitments. Caltrans Environmental must be notified of any changes in project scope or footprint.

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