

## Notice of Exemption

## Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk

County of: Ventura

From: (Public Agency): California Dept. of Transportation  
100 South Main St., Suite 100, Main Station 16A  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

(Address)

Project Title: VEN-1 Pavement Rehab Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:

State Route (SR) 1 in Ventura County. Postmiles are from 9.7 to R15.1

Project Location - City: \_\_\_\_\_ Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate the pavement on SR-1 to current standards.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

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
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

This project improves the operation of the existing public transportation facility and is within the State's right-of-way.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Christopher Laurel Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 213-897-3616

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: Chris Laurel Date: 5/16/19 Title: 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| 07-VEN-1                         | 9.7/RIS.1 | 4W620           | EFIS: 0719000105 / CE Log # 201904016               |
| 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.)

Caltrans is proposing a pavement rehabilitation project along a section of State Route 1 (SR-1) between post mile (PM) 9.2 and PM R15.6 in Ventura County. Project work includes slurry seal, digouts, and shoulder backing beginning just south of Calleguas Creek and ending just north of Pleasant Valley Road. All work will occur within State right-of-way.

## 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.)

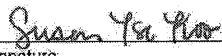
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- 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].)]

Susan Tse Koo


Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

  
Signature

05/16/2019  
Date

Garabed Kevorkian

Print Name: Project Manager

  
Signature

5/16/2019  
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) ( )
- ☐ 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.

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or  
Environmental Branch Chief

Signature

Date

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:

Date of ECR or equivalent: 5/15/2019

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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Environmental Commitments are summarized below and have been included in the Environmental Commitments Record.

### Biology:

- Prior to the start of construction, all drain inlets and outlets must be protected with Best Management Practices to prevent paint, cleaning materials, and other debris from entering drainage courses.
- All appropriate Storm-water and Erosion Control Best Management Practices will be incorporated into the project specifications.
- All pollution and litter laws and regulations will be followed by the contractor and all personnel on site.
- If the project scope should change for any reason, the Division of Environmental Planning will be notified to determine whether current environmental documentation is adequate.
- Caltrans shall practice protocol specifications which are stated in the Standard Specifications (2018) in section 19-9 "Shoulder Backing."
- No asphalt grindings shall be used within 100 feet of any water course. Water course, for this purpose, is defined as any feature, either natural or man-made, which conveys water during any time of the year. The limitation on asphalt use near waterways is restricted to compacted shoulder backing.
- No clearing or grubbing will take place within the project area.

### Cultural Resources:

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work will be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

### Hazardous Waste:

- A project specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) must be prepared to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead while removing and handling any material that has potential to contain lead. The LCP must be prepared, reviewed, approved, sealed, and signed by a certified industrial hygienist (CIH).
- All soil disturbed must remain in the immediate area of disturbance and not be transported elsewhere. Health and safety precautions and dust control for hazardous waste must be implemented. NSSP 14-11.09 must be incorporated into the Specs.
- Waste residue generated by the removal of yellow traffic stripes may contain (Pb) and Chromium (Cr) concentrations and requires proper disposal at a Class I waste disposal facility. Standard Special Provision (SSP 14-11.12) must be included in the Specs package.
- SSP 84-9.03 must be included to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead while removing and handling residue of white traffic striping.

### Miscellaneous:

- During PS&E, the Caltrans Coastal Liaison must be provided with up to date and complete project purpose and need statements, project plans, and RTL, begin construction, and end construction dates to begin the coastal exemption application process. The coastal exemption application process is expected to take 3 months beginning from the time when all the required information is received.

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