

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Caltrans
100 S Main St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

County Clerk
County of: Ventura

(Address)

Project Title: VEN-101 MBGR Upgrade

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: US-101, in Ventura County, from the Westlake Blvd. (SR-23) interchange to north of the Seacliff exit (SR-1).

Project Location - City: Various Project Location - County: Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The scope of work includes: Removing non-standard and damaged Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) and replacing it with new Midwest Guardrail System (MGS), upgrading end treatments, upgrading bridge connections, adding vegetation control (4' wide, 2" depth minor concrete) under all MGS, and removing and replacing Asphalt Concrete (AC) Dikes. All proposed work will be performed within Caltrans' right-of-way. For precise locations, please refer to appended List of MBGR and End Treatments.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Caltrans

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 1(d)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood;

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Joshua Miller Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (213) 897-0309

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: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7.30.19 Title: Environmental 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: AUG 02 2019

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

7-VEN-101	0.9-R39.2	33110	EFIS: 0716000225 CE:201907026
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 proposes the VEN-101 MBGR Upgrade project. The project is on US-101, in Ventura County, from the Westlake Blvd. (SR-23) interchange to north of the Seacliff exit (SR-1). The scope of work includes: Removing non-standard and damaged Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) and replacing it with new Midwest Guardrail System (MGS), upgrading end treatments, upgrading bridge connections, adding vegetation control (4' wide, 2" depth minor concrete) under all MGS, and removing and replacing Asphalt Concrete (AC) Dikes. All proposed work will be performed within Caltrans' right-of-way. For precise locations, please refer to appended List of MBGR and End Treatments.

CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- 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.

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
- Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1(d).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. General Rule 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 (CCR 15061[b][3].)]

<p><u>Susan Tse Koo</u> Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> 07/26/2019 Signature Date</p>	<p><u>Joseph K. Kise</u> Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p><u>[Signature]</u> 7/26/2019 Signature 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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 7.22.19 Date of ECR or equivalent: 7.22.19

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



CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
Continuation Sheet

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Environmental General:

- If there are any changes to the project's scope or locations, an additional review by the Division of Environmental Planning will be required.

Hazardous Waste:

- Soil testing for Aerially Deposited Lead is required during the Plans Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) phase to classify soils in the project work locations.
- MBGR must be inspected for the presence of Asbestos Leveling Shims.
- If present, Asbestos Leveling Shims must be removed by a Certified Asbestos Contractor during construction.
- If bridge connection work will involve the disturbance of a concrete bridge, an asbestos survey of the bridge will be required.
- The wood posts from MBGR are considered Treated Wood Waste (TWW). The handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of TWW must be compliant with California regulations.

Biological Resources:

- All work will be limited to the prism of the roadway, or the edge of the unvegetated roadway for purposes of equipment maneuvering and traffic control.
- Aside from vegetation control beneath MGS, the project will result in no clearing or grubbing of vegetation.
- All appropriate Stormwater 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 onsite.
- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided the PS&E Review Package for review and comments.
- 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 year. The limitation on asphalt use near waterways is restricted to shoulder backing.

Cultural Resources:

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

Coastal Zone:

- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided a complete PS&E Review Package to begin the coastal exemption process. Obtaining an exception is expected to take 3 months from initiation.

List of Metal Beam Guard Rail And End Treatments

No.	Location Number	PM	Direction	Description	Remove MBGR (Feet)	Install MBGR (Feet)	Install Trailing End Treatment (Each)	Install Leading End Treatment (Each)	Install Bridge Connection (Each)
1	1	0.90	NB	NB 101 on from SB Westlake Blvd. - CMS sign Structure		50		1	
2	2	2.30	NB	Approaching NB 101 and NB 23 Connector - Right Shoulder	1700	2000	1	1	
3	3	2.60	NB	NB 101 and NB VEN-23 Connector - Right Shoulder	800	800	1	1	
4	3A	3.37	NB	NB On From SB VEN 23, <i>Note: Install Double MBGR</i>	200	400	1	1	
5	4	4.23	SB	SB Off to Moorpark Rd - Right Shoulder	800	800	1	1	
6	5	4.90	NB	NB Off to Lynn Rd - Right Shoulder	2000	2000	1	1	4
7	6	5.00	SB	SB Off to Lynn Rd - Right Shoulder	1200	1200	1	1	
8	7	5.17	NB	NB Lynn Rd On Ramp to Ventu Park Off Ramp - Right Shoulder	4300	4300	1	1	
9	7A	6.19	OC	Ventu Park OC Bridge Railing <i>Note: Install Double MBGR</i>	150	300	2	2	2
10	8	7.03	SB	SB Off to Bochard Rd - Right Shoulder	1260	1260	1	1	
11	9	7.23	NB	NB On From Borchard Rd. to Wendy Dr. Off Ramp - Right Shoulder	2900	2900	1	1	
12	10	9.30	NB	North of Truck Scale - Right Shoulder	2900	2900	1	1	
13	11	9.90	NB	Right Shoulder	1200	1200	1	1	
14	12	10.2/10.3	NB	Right Shoulder 2 Segments 250 ft Each	500	500	2	2	
15	13	10.25	SB	South of Camarillo Springs Rd - Right Shoulder	700	700	1		1
16	14	10.35	NB	Right Shoulder	250	250	1	1	
17	15	10.60	NB	Approaching Camarillo Springs Off Ramp - Right Shoulder	900	900	1	1	1
18	16	11.25	SB	SB Off to Camarillo Spring Rd - Right Shoulder	1850	1850		1	1
19	17	11.65	NB	NB Off to Pleasant Valley Rd/Santa Rosa Rd - Right Shoulder	2100	2100	1	1	
20	17A	12.40	SB	SB Off to Pleasant Valey Rd - Left Shoulder		120	1	1	
21	17B	13.95	SB	SB On From Ventura Blvd - Right Shoulder	70	200	1	1	
22	18	21.05	NB	NB On From Rose Ave	450	450	1	1	
23	18A	21.06	SB	SB On From SB Rose Ave	1900	1900	1	1	

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24	19	R23.87	NB	NB Right Shoulder, Approx. 850 ft North of Johnson Dr. On Ramp	3800	3800	2	1	5
25	20	R24.79	NB	NB On Ramp From Victoria, Right Shoulder	4200	4200	1	1	
26	21	27.25	SB	Lemon OH Bridge, Right Shoulder	530	530	1		1
27	22	27.35	SB	Lemon OH Bridge, Right Shoulder	1300	1300		1	1
28	23	29.36	SB	Vista Del Mar/Sanjon - Right Shoulder, 2 segments of 630' and 430'.	1060	1060	1	1	2
29	24	31.82	SB	SB Off Main St. - Right Shoulder	4300	4300	1	1	
30	25	R32.7	SB	101/1 Junction - Right Shoulder	1500	1500	1	1	
31	26	R33.55	SB	Right Shoulder	3050	3050	1	1	
32	27	R33.78	NB	4 Segments on Right Shoulder	1309	1309	4	4	
33	28	R34.35	SB	Right Shoulder	6000	6000	1	1	4
34	29	R34.47	NB	Right Shoulder	1660	1660	1	1	
35	30	R36.45	SB	Right Shoulder	1530	1530	1	1	
36	31	R38.84	NB	Approaching Sea Cliff NB Off - Right Shoulder	1300	1300	1	1	2
37	32	R39.18	SB	SB Off to Sea Cliff - Right Shoulder	4550	4550	1	1	
				Total	64,219	65,169	40	40	24