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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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

From: (Public Agency): Caltrans District 3
703 B Street
Marysville, CA, 95901
(Address)

Project Title: Chico ITS Elements

Project Applicant: CA Dept of Transportation

Project Location - Specific:
BUT/99/R28.0/39.0

Project Location - City: Chico Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of this project is to improve safety, manage traffic operations more efficiently, reduce congestion and decrease peak hour of delays. This ITS project is needed to reduce delays by improving incident detection and traffic management.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Dept of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jasmine Sran

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: Class 1
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
The project is exempt because the project does not have the potential to have a significant impact on the environment. The project falls into one of the exemption categories.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Erin Dwyer Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-741-4538

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: 8/1/19 Title: Senior 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 ORR: Office of Planning & Research

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CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

03-BUT-99	29.3/37.8	03-1H860
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.)

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to install an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements on Highway 99 from Southgate Avenue to Garner Lane in Chico, CA. The project is needed to provide timely information to the District 03 Transportation Management Center (TMC). In turn the TMC will be able to manage traffic operations with the intention of reducing traffic delay.

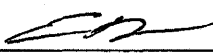
CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

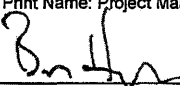
Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- 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. Class1. 15301**
- 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].)]

Erin Dwyer
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature 7/26/19 Date

Ben Hargrove
Print Name: Project Manager

Signature 7/26/19 Date

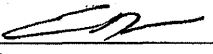
NEPA COMPLIANCE

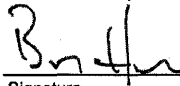
In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- 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)(2-7)**
- 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.

Erin Dwyer
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Signature 7/26/19 Date

Ben Hargrove
Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature 7/26/19 Date

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

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