



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 06/2022)**

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Ramp Meter, Traffic Signal, Landscape Project- San Diego County

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-5

PM/PM: R0.3-R19.3

EA: 43160/1122000218

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

Caltrans proposes a project includes 9 ramp meter locations, 7 traffic signal locations, and 3 landscape locations as follows:

The 9 ramp meter locations are: I-5 NB Coronado Ave, Hawthorn Ave, India St, Washington/San Diego Ave, and Old Town/Moore St. Also I-5 SB 5th Ave, Kettner Blvd, Hancock St, and Old Town Ave. The scope of work for the ramp meters includes replacing the existing meters, moving meters to be 70 feet from the limit line, guardrail removal and installation, and potential grading depending on ramp meter placement. Foundations for ramp meters posts are 5 feet in diameter and range from 25 feet to 33 feet in depth.

The 7 traffic signal locations are: I-5 NB Palm Ave, Palomar St, and Mile of cars/Bay Marina. Also I-5 SB Camino De La Plaza, Via De San Ysidro, Palomar St, and Main/Yama/Division St. The scope of work for the traffic signals includes replacing all conductors, detection (install loops), add intersection camera/gridsmart, replace cabinet, and install APS push buttons at Camino De La Plaza. Foundations for traffic signal posts are 5 feet in diameter and range from 25 feet to 33 feet in depth.

The 3 landscape locations are: I-5 Main St NB and SB, Palomar St NB and SB, and L St NB and SB. The scope of work for the landscaping includes replacement of drought tolerant plant material, where appropriate native plant material will be used. Also work includes replacement of irrigation systems, control valves, flow sensors, backflow prevention devices, and sprinkler heads.

Any additional work must be assessed by the Environmental Division for environmental compliance.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1(c).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.



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Covered by the 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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Not Applicable

Caltrans 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). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2022, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

- 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(27)
23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)
Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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 May 27, 2022, and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/03/2024