



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): I-15/SR-15 Pedestrian ADA Improvements

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-15

PM/PM: M5.6-M24.4

EA: 43133 / 1121000239

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

Caltrans proposes to upgrade pedestrian facilities to meet State and Federal regulations. Existing pedestrian ramps within the project limits do not meet current design guidelines which pose mobility barriers for individuals with disabilities and pedestrians. Curb ramps and bicycle facilities need to be upgraded to improve safety, access, and mobility. This project would upgrade 25 curb ramps and 18 crosswalks at on- and off- ramps along Adams Avenue, Ted Williams Parkway, Carmel Mountain Road, and Camino Del Norte. A bicycle lane would also be upgraded to Class IV on Duenda Road. Any changes to scope would be reviewed by Caltrans Environmental.

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.** (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.
- 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

Matthew Voss	<i>Matthew Voss</i>	6/6/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Jake Stelten	<i>Jake Stelten</i>	6/9/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date



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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)(3)

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(n/a)

Activity n/a 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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Matthew Voss Signature 6/6/2025
Print Name Signature Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Jake Stelten Signature 6/9/2025
Print Name Signature Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 5/28/2025
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 6/5/2025

A list of environmental commitments is available in a separate record. The following resources have commitments: Visual/Aesthetics, Hazardous Waste, Air Quality, Biological.