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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Ker 5 Cold Plane Overlay

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-Ker-5 **PM/PM:** 40.0/43.0, 52.8/62.6

EA: 06-1H930 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

This project is in Kern County, on SR-5 at post miles 40.0/43.0, 52.8/62.6, in and near Buttonwillow. The project proposes to remove 0.10' of the existing Asphalt pavement and replace it with 0.10' Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Gap Graded. The project will include specific locations of an additional cold planing depth of 0.40' and replace with 0.40' of HMA. Also, it is proposed to remove and install signs on existing posts, place shoulder backing, install rumble strips, install electrical loops and replace existing PCC panels within the lanes that show distress. Existing striping and markings will be removed as a part of the cold plane operations.

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

Pedram Mafi		08/12/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Gurpaul S Bath		08/13/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

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)()**
- ☐ **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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Pedram Mafi		08/12/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 08/12/2025

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).

Continuation sheet:

Hazardous Waste:

- If yellow striping will be removed separately, SSP 14-11.12 is required for proper management of hazardous waste residue and a LCP
- Include SSP 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a LCP
- LCP - addressing applicable work scope