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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Fre 180 RMS Repair/Replace

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-Fre-180 **PM/PM:** VAR

EA: 06-1H760 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** N/A

Project Description

In Fresno counties on Route 180 at various locations. This project will repair/replace (12) Ramp Metering Systems (RMS). The RMS locations will be repaired by replacing the existing cabinets with new cabinets onto existing foundations and the advance warning signs and poles with new Type 1A poles and foundations at the same locations. All work for this project will be performed within existing right of way.

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		10/13/2025
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

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: 10/13/2025

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:

The environmental database searches identified a closed LUST near Locations 1 and 2 of the proposed project area (Caltrans T0601908368, Marks Avenue and Highway 180, Fresno, CA). During the construction of the State Route 180 extension, a waste oil UST was uncovered, emptied, and properly disposed of (UST and remaining content). Soil remediation following the tank pull was completed via excavation and off haul, approximately 60 tons of impacted soil were removed from the release area. Case closure was granted on August 22, 2007 (please see attached documentation). Based on the scope of work proposed, the localized nature of the historical UST release, the closure status of the site, and the fact that Caltrans is the responsible party for the listed site, the risk of encountering residual hazardous material from the site is very low.

Hazardous Waste:

- A lead compliance plan (LCP) developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) is required for ground disturbing activities (i.e. trenching, grading, etc.), as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. A LCP is required when lead concentrations in soil are nonhazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever ground disturbance of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required.

- Construction Standard Specification 14-11.15 shall be used to dispose of electrical equipment requiring special handling (if applicable to this project); Revised RSSP 87-21.03D (paragraph 1) will address the removal of electrical equipment designated as hazardous waste (electrical vehicle sensor nodes, if applicable to this project), use 2.9 of this specification to address the removal of the existing electrical systems.