



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): North Mount Shasta Separator Rehab

DIST-CO-RTE: 02-SIS-5

PM/PM: R12.06

EA: 02-1K690

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0224000154

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), using state and federal funding, is proposing to make improvements to the North Mount Shasta overcrossing (#02-0091K). The project will take place on Interstate 5 in Shasta County at PM R12.06.

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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 1c.** (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

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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)(26)**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**

☐ **Activity Enter activity number 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): 12/2/25

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 12/2/25

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).



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Continuation sheet:

Additional work: Additional work includes:

- Full depth deck replacement
- Apply polyester concrete overlay
- Upgrade the bridge rail and concrete barrier transitions
- Upgrade guardrail approaches
- Replace approximately 350 linear feet of dike
- Replace striping and markers

Purpose: The purpose of this project is to preserve the structural integrity of this structure in a safe and economic manner to delay, prevent, or minimize major rehabilitation or replacement through preventive maintenance strategies.

Need: Structural conditions have been identified for this structure that, if not addressed, would affect the structural integrity of the structure to a point where more costly rehabilitation or replacement would be warranted.

Right-of-Way

No permanent Right of Way (ROW) acquisitions will be needed. A temporary right of entry with the Union Pacific Railroad will be needed.

Staging/Stockpiling

Staging will be limited to existing paved or gravel pullouts within the project and Caltrans ROW limits. No vegetation removal will occur for the purpose of staging/stockpiling.

Disposal/Borrow Sites

No borrow or disposal sites are necessary with the current scope of work.

Coordination/Consultation

To identify potential cultural resources, Caltrans staff conducted a review of internal and external agency resource records and databases. Additionally, a field review of the project area was completed by cultural staff. Once review was completed it was determined the proposed scope of work has no potential to affect cultural resources.

Construction activities will require tribal monitoring for all ground disturbing activities.

Utilities

Utilities are anticipated to be protected in place. All utility conversations will be coordinated with Caltrans ROW.



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Permits

No permits are necessary based on the current scope of work.