



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

Project Information

Project Name:

DIST-CO-RTE: 07-VEN-001

PM/PM: PM 2.3/3.15 and PM 5.8/10.0

EA: 2Q100

EFIS: 0725000198

CE#: 202510009

Project Description

Caltrans is proposing to install and upgrade safety improvements including signage, channelizers, delineation, pavement markings, and retroactive markers at two locations along State Route 1 (SR-1) in Ventura County, location 1 - between postmiles PM 2.3 and PM 3.15 and location 2 - between PM 5.8 and PM 10.0. No public utilities will be relocated. No new right-of way will be acquired for the project.

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 15301)

☐ 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

Pauline Lee

01/26/2026

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager

Samantha Venegas

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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)(Enter activity number)**

☐ **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.

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 9/30/25

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:

General

- If there are any changes to the project scope of work, the Division of Environmental Planning shall be notified and updates to the previous assessment may be warranted.
- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Package for review and comments.

Air Quality

- This project must comply with the VCAPCD Fugitive Dust Implementation Rule 55 to minimize temporary emissions during construction of the project as applicable and appropriate.
- The PDT should review, evaluate, and consider project measures in Tables 1 and 3 of the Toolbox and that the project commit to include all feasible and relevant measures identified from the Tables (<https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/environmental-analysis/documents/ser/caltransghg-reduction-measures-a11y.pdf>). If any measures are proposed outside the Tables in the Toolbox, the PDT shall ensure that those measures are biddable, buildable, and can be successfully implemented. All identified reduction measures shall be carried forward in the ECR.
- Construction of the proposed project shall comply with all applicable VCAPCD Rules.
- Objectionable odor should be minimized by conducting certain construction activities in areas at least 500 feet from the sensitive receptors as feasible.
- The AQB will coordinate for review and approval of a nonstandard special provision (nSSP) 14-9.05 to mandate contractors' compliance with all applicable air district rules including measures related to dust control.

Biological Resources

- Prior to the start of construction, all drain inlets must be protected with Best Management Practices to prevent paint, cleaning materials, and other debris from entering drainage courses.
- All appropriate storm water and Erosion BMPs will be incorporated into the project specifications.
- All pollution and litter laws and regulations will be followed by the contractor and all personnel on site.

Cultural Resources

- If there are any changes to the proposed undertaking, an additional review by the cultural resources unit will be required.
- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work shall be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.
- Please include the attached SSP 14-2.01, *General Cultural Resources* and 14-2.02, *Definitions* with the PS&E package.
- If archaeological resources are discovered within or near construction limits, work shall be halted within a 60-foot radius of the discovery in accordance with SSP 14-2.03A, *General Archaeological Resources*.



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- The Department investigates the discovery. Do not move archaeological resources or take them from the job site. Do not resume work within the radius of discovery until authorized.

Hazardous Waste

- To protect workers, the contractor shall prepare a project specific Lead Compliance Plan (LCP) to prevent or minimize worker exposure to lead in the soil in accordance with the standard specifications for all work in unpaved areas.
- Please include the attached SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii), *Unregulated Earth Material Containing Lead* with the PS&E package for the handling of Unregulated/Regulated soil.
- Residue from removing white traffic stripes by itself will not contain hazardous levels of lead. However, an LCP is required as per Cal-OSHA Title 8 California Code of Regulations. Please include the attached SSP 84-9.03B *Residue from Removing Traffic Stripes and Pavement Markings* with the PS&E package.
- The project will remove one roadside sign on wood posts. Once these wood posts are removed from the project and become waste, they are considered as treated wood waste (TWW). TWW is a California Waste, and the handling, storage, transportation, and disposal are subject to California regulations in accordance with SSP 14-11.14, *Treated Wood Waste*.
- If the project requires imported borrow, the contractor is responsible to perform analytical tests to ensure that imported borrow is free of contamination per SSP 6-1.03B, *Imported Borrow*.

Coastal Resources

- A Coastal Exemption from the City of Ventura is required during PS&E before RTL and project construction.