



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

<u>Project Information</u>	
Project Name: <u>SR-98 Complete Streets Improvements</u>	
DIST-CO-RTE: <u>11-IMP-98</u>	PM/PM: <u>30.8/39.7</u>
EA: <u>11-43140 / PID 1121000250</u>	Federal-Aid Project Number: _____
<u>Project Description</u>	
<p>Caltrans proposes pavement rehab work on State Route 98 (SR 98) in Imperial County, between PM 30.8 and 39.7, which is approximately 22 lane-miles. The work consists of cold planing the asphalt concrete (AC) pavement and placing back Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt – Type G (RHMA-G) on the lanes and shoulders at controlled intersections with HMA –Type A (HMA-A). The project scope also includes lighting rehabilitation, sign panel replacement, upgrading curb ramps to American Disabilities Act (ADA) standard, flashing beacons, census stations and traffic signals, and complete street improvement as well as replacing existing safety systems. The environmental commitments for biological resources, visual resources, hazardous waste/materials, and NPDES/Stormwater are provided in the Environmental Commitments Record (ECR).</p>	

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

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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, 2019, 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)
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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 11/21/2025

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).