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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Dunnigan 5 Rehab

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-YOL-005 **PM/PM:** R22.800/R28.920

EA: 03-2J240 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform a geotechnical investigation for the planned Changeable Message Sign (CMS) and Closed-Circuit Television Pole (CCTV) located in Dunnigan, California (Please see page 3).

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** 6 Section 15306. (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

Thaleena Bhattal	Thaleena Bhattal	10/21/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Katlin A Ly-Lee	Katlin Ly-Lee	10/21/2026
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)(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

Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 1/10/26

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:

Subsurface Investigation Plan (SIP)and Drilling Location:

The Office of Geotechnical Design North (OGDN), Branch D is preparing and planning to advance borings for the proposed construction of a CMS and CCTV at Postmile (PM) R28.193 on southbound Interstate 5.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the geotechnical investigation is to explore the existing subsurface conditions and collect subsurface information necessary for foundation analysis of the CMS and CCTV.

The borehole will be drilled to maximum depth of 50 feet. The boring will be located within the right of way. Soil samples will be collected for laboratory tests for soil classification and corrosion analysis.

Scope of Work

Caltrans drilling services and/or consultant contract drill crews will perform the drilling operations. The information included in this SIP will apply to the drilling operations for both Caltrans drilling services and consultant contract drilling crews. Truck mounted drill rigs, trailer mounted drill rigs, all terrain drill rigs or similar types of drill rigs, weighing from approximately 35,000 to 48,000 lbs will be utilized for the geotechnical investigation. All borings will be properly sealed and destroyed by the drill crew in accordance with the Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA) and drilling permit requirements.

Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2026 and last approximately one working day. The project will be limited to night work.

Right-of-Way/Staging

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way.
If required, all staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

Disposal/Borrow

No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from ditch excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

Consultation/Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required for this project.

Permits/Approvals

The County C-57 permit is required to backfill the bore holes and that will be arranged by the Geotechnical services.

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