



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

Project Information

Project Name : Lakeport CAPM

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-LAK-029

PM/PM: 36.10/52.50

EA: 01-0L260

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The project will restore the surface of the existing highway from "Fair" to "Good" condition. Pavement work consists of cold planing, digout structural section repair, crack sealing, asphalt dike replacement, and roadway overlay with Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt, Gap Graded (RHMA-G). (Continued on 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 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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Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Matteo D'Orio		03/12/2026
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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)()

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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): n/a
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 03/12/2026



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Continuation sheet:

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Existing metal beam guardrail, traffic signals, lighting, and sign panels will be upgraded. Existing Transportation Management Systems (TMS) facilities will be upgraded, including three traffic signal cabinets and 11 lighting fixtures. Rumble strip and striping will be perpetuated. Additionally, complete streets features will be added at several locations. New sidewalk, curb ramps, and crosswalks will be constructed at PM 34.74. New sidewalk, curb ramps, cross walks, and Class II bikeway will be constructed at PM R40.14, and requires minor roadway widening. New Class II bikeway and curb ramps at PM R42.69.

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate Class II pavement; minimize maintenance; improve bike and pedestrian facilities, and upgrade TMS assets, traffic signal cabinets, lighting, signs, and guardrail.

The project is needed to extend the service life of the roadway and prevent further deterioration of the “fair” condition pavement. Access and mobility for bicyclists and pedestrians is insufficient in various locations and can be improved with complete streets facilities such as curb ramps, sidewalk, cross-walks, and bike lanes. TMS, traffic signal cabinets, sign, and lighting work are needed to upgrade assets in “poor” or “fair” condition and guardrail work is needed to upgrade existing non-standard metal beam guardrail to Midwest Guardrail System.

A brief summary of special environmental commitments for this project are included below.

No environmental permits are expected.

Hazardous Waste:

- The project work site is not on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List (Cortese List).
- If native soil is disturbed, then naturally occurring asbestos (NOA) specifications are required.
- A Detailed Site Investigation (DSI) would be completed in the 1-Phase to determine the presence of ADL (aerially-deposited lead) and NOA in areas where soil disturbance is proposed.
- A Lead Compliance Plan would be required.
- Use SSP 36-4 to remove yellow paint or yellow thermoplastic paint during grinding/cold planing. The project would not require the paint or thermoplastic paint to be removed before grinding begins.
- Use SSP 84-9.03C to remove traffic striping that is non-hazardous and/or other colors of paints (white, blue, black, etc.).
- If treated wood waste is present, use SSP 14-11.14 for treated wood waste.



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Cultural Resources:

- Use SSP 14-1.02A to install Temporary High Visibility Fencing (THVF) prior to the start of work around sensitive cultural resources. No work would occur within fenced/flagged areas.
- Use SSP 14-2.03B to monitor all ground disturbance activities within 50 feet of culturally sensitive areas by a Caltrans archaeologist and/or cultural resource monitor

Biology:

- Use SSP 14-1.02A to install THVF and/or flagging prior to the start of work around sensitive natural communities, environmentally sensitive habitat areas, rare plant occurrences, intermittent streams and wetlands and other waters, where appropriate. No work would occur within fenced/flagged areas.
- Use SSP 14-6.03B to protect migratory and nongame birds (occupied nests and eggs), if possible, vegetation removal would be limited to the period outside of the bird breeding season (removal would occur between September 16 and January 31).








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