



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

**Project Information**

**Project Name (if applicable):** SR 58 Ramp Repair Pavement

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 06-KER-58

**PM/PM:** 55.47-59.67

**EA:** 06-0Y940

**Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0619000086

**Project Description**

The project involves maintenance work on various on and off ramps in Bakersfield on State Route 58 in Kern County, from Post Mile 55.47 to 59.67. This project aims to repair deteriorated asphalt concrete pavement and update Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements affected by construction. The scope of work includes removing and replacing existing pavement and ditches at specific locations, where necessary. In addition, the project will also focus on replacing and upgrading Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) elements. All permanent work will be performed within Caltrans right-of-way.

**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 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**

Judith Lopez

Print Name

*David Johnson*  
Signature

for

4/20/2026

Date

**Project Manager**

Eltahir Ataelgeed

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Date



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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

[X] 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): Enter date
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Enter date

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:

#### Biology

There have been several observations of Swainson's Hawk within a 10-mile radius of the project limits within the last 20 years. However, the work is not expected to increase the already high noise baseline of traffic.

There have been several observations of San Joaquin Kit Fox within a 10-mile radius of the project limits within the last 20 years. As a result, an avoidance measure will be implemented to ensure no dens or San Joaquin Kit Fox are present in these areas. No off pavement, trenching, or ground disturbance work is proposed for this project.

#### Avoidance and Minimization Measures:

- 1) A pre-con survey for San Joaquin Kit Fox and Swainson's Hawk shall be conducted no more than 30 days prior to the start of construction.
- 2) If off-pavement staging areas are required, they must be approved by the project biologist.
- 3) If any special status species are observed during construction activity within 150 feet, work shall cease immediately. Work may resume after the project biologist has been consulted and the resident engineer has given written permission to resume work.

#### Water Quality

To eliminate or minimize any potential impacts on the environment, appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) should be selected and implemented per the Project Planning and Design Guide. As required in Caltrans' Standard Specifications, Section 13, Water Pollution Control, the contractor must abide by the described water pollution control requirements and address all potential water quality impacts that may occur when performing construction activities.

The proposed activities are anticipated to disturb less than 1 acre of soil, which would require a Water Pollution Control Program (WPCP) to be prepared by the contractor following Caltrans' Standard Specification, 13-2, Water Pollution Control Program.

#### Stormwater

A Water Pollution Control Program is required. Any potential impacts (erosion, accidental spills of hazardous material, and disruption to natural drainage) must be addressed, eliminated, or minimized to the maximum extent practicable during the design and construction phases of the project by incorporating the appropriate permanent and temporary BMPs into the project. Before project approval, Caltrans Stormwater Construction should be consulted to identify the applicable BMPs for stormwater concerns.



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### Noise

The project should comply with Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8 "Noise Control" regarding construction noise. Construction noise resulting from work activities should not exceed 86 dBA at 50 feet from the job site from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

The following measures would minimize the temporary noise impacts from construction:

- Do not exceed 86 dBA Lmax at 50 feet from the job site activities from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- Equip an internal combustion engine with the manufacturer-recommended muffler. Do not operate an internal combustion engine on the job site without the appropriate muffler.

### Air Quality

Caltrans Standard Specifications pertaining to dust control and dust palliative requirements is a required part of all construction contracts and should effectively reduce and control emission impacts during construction. The provisions of Caltrans Standard Specifications, Section 14-9.02 "Air Pollution Control" and Section 10-5 "Dust Control" require the contractor to comply with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's rules, ordinances, and regulations and statutes that apply to work performed under the contract, including those provided in Government Code § 11017.

### Non-Standard Special Provisions:

If the project disturbs over 5 acres or removes 2,500 cubic yards of soil for at least three days of the project, a Dust Control Plan (DCP) approved by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District will be required for this project.