



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 04/2022)**

**Project Information**

**Project Name:** Film Permit

**DIST-CO-RTE:** 07-LA-105

**PM/PM:** I-105(PM2.01)

**TRACKING Number:** 726-6FF-1312

**DEP CE Number:** 202605033

**Project Description**

Caltrans approves the encroachment permit for Porch House Pictures LLC, which proposes filming at the Caltrans Maintenance Equipment Training Center (META Yard), located at 5200 W. Imperial Hwy, Los Angeles, under Interstate 105 at Post Mile 2.01. This production involves exterior dialogue, exterior models against scenery, driving shots, and drive-up and drive-away scenes. Motorcycles will be used as picture vehicles for both static shots and driving scenes. Water-based atmospheric smoke effects reaching heights of 15–20 feet will be used. A camera car equipped with a Russian Arm will be utilized, and a drone will capture aerial footage below the freeway during filming.

The permit location will include filming support operations such as basecamp, catering, and crew parking, as well as six picture motorcycles, production vehicles including cube trucks and sprinter vans, portable generators, and approximately 20 cast and crew vehicles. No ground disturbance will be necessary. No public utilities will be relocated, and 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 4 (e).** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15304)
  - 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**

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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)

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)

Activity 6 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 Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: N/A

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:**

- Please contact the Division of Environmental Planning should there be changes to the project scope.
- Any filming involving the use of any type of aircraft, including UAS, must have Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) approval and be done in accordance with FAA rules and regulations.