



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Wrong Way Countermeasures Install

DIST-CO-RTE: 10-VAR-VAR

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 10-1U610

Federal-Aid Project Number: N/A

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a maintenance project in San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties at 23 locations along State Route (SR) 4 and 99, and Interstate (I) 5. Please see below for location information. The scope of work consists of installing wrong-way driver preventative counter measures such as installing wrong way flashing sign systems, installing guardrail systems, removing and replacing striping, pavement markers, and slurry seal. All work will be done within Caltrans Right of Way. The purpose of this project is to implement wrong-way driver preventative countermeasures. The project is needed to proactively mitigate wrong-way driving risks.

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

Elizabeth Hummel

SML on behalf of E.H.

5/28/2026

Print Name

Signature

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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): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 05/19/2026

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:

| 0 | CO | RTE | PM | Location | Scope of Work |
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| 1 | SJ | 4 | R17.964 | Westbound (WB) Off-Ramp to Wilson Way | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, Slurry Seal, and Add Signs on Washington St |
| 2 | SJ | 4 | R18.550 | Eastbound (EB) Off-Ramp to Filbert St | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems, Midwest Guardrail System (MGS), and Barrier Mounted Sign (J-Post) on Filbert St OC (29-0305) |
| 3 | SJ | 4 | R18.903 | WB Off-Ramp to Filbert St | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 4 | SJ | 5 | R17.285 | Northbound (NB) Off-Ramp to Lathrop Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Remove/Replace Existing Signs and Remove/Replace Pavement Markers |
| 5 | SJ | 5 | 35.148 | NB Off-Ramp to Eight Mile Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 6 | SJ | 5 | 35.495 | Southbound (SB) Off-Ramp to Eight Mile Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |



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| 7 | Sta | 5 | 22.852 | NB Off-Ramp to Howard Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 8 | Sta | 5 | 23.153 | SB Off-Ramp to Howard Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 9 | Mer | 99 | R19.817 | NB Off-Ramp to Atwater Exwy | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 10 | Mer | 99 | R20.086 | SB Off-Ramp to Atwater Exwy | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 11 | Mer | 99 | R34.227 | NB Off-Ramp to Shanks Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs |
| 12 | Sta | 99 | R4.356 | NB Off-Ramp to Fulkerth Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 13 | Sta | 99 | R4.744 | SB Off-Ramp to Fulkerth Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 14 | Sta | 99 | R5.448 | NB Off-Ramp to Monte Vista Ave | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 15 | Sta | 99 | R5.859 | SB Off-Ramp to Monte Vista Ave | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |



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| 16 | Sta | 99 | R6.547 | NB Off-Ramp to Taylor Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 17 | Sta | 99 | R6.995 | SB Off-Ramp to Taylor Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 18 | Sta | 99 | R7.603 | NB Off-Ramp to Keyes Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 19 | Sta | 99 | R8.132 | SB Off-Ramp to Keyes Rd | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures - Replace Existing Signs, Remove/Replace Striping, and Slurry Seal |
| 20 | Sta | 99 | M18.376 | NB Off-Ramp to Carpenter Rd/Briggsmore Ave | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems, Midwest Guardrail System (MGS), and Concrete Barrier Sign (Drill and Bolt Method) |
| 21 | Sta | 99 | M18.672 | SB Off-Ramp to Carpenter Rd/Briggsmore Ave | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 22 | SJ | 205 | R7.987 | EB Off-Ramp to MacArthur Dr | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |
| 23 | SJ | 205 | R8.294 | WB Off-Ramp to MacArthur Dr | Wrong-Way Driver Preventative Countermeasures -Install Wrong Way Flashing Sign Systems and Midwest Guardrail System (MGS) |



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General

- Environmental reevaluation will be required if the scope of the project changes to include additional areas or activities, or if previously unknown cultural or other sensitive resources are discovered. Contact Environmental Office if project changes occur or sensitive resources discovered.
- Contact the Environmental Office to attend the pre-construction meeting.

Cultural

- If cultural resources are discovered at the job site, do not disturb the resources and immediately:
 1. Stop all work within a 60-foot radius of the discovery
 2. Protect the discovery area
 3. Notify the Engineer
 4. The Department investigates. Do not move cultural materials or take them from the jobsite. Retain a qualified archeologist to assess the significance of the find. Do not resume work within the discovery area until authorized.
- If human remains are discovered, State Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5 states that further disturbances and activities shall cease in any area or nearby area suspected to overlie remains, and the County Coroner should be contacted. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) which will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). At that time, the landowner will work with the MLD on the respectful treatment and disposition of the remains. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Hazardous Waste

- Caltrans Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) pertaining to earth material containing lead, shall be included in the contract.
- Caltrans Standard Special Provision 14-11.12 pertaining to removal of traffic striping and pavement markings which may contain hazardous concentrations of lead shall be included in the contract.
- Caltrans Standard Special Provision 14-11.14 pertaining to treated wood waste shall be included in the contract.
- Caltrans Standard Special Provision 84-9.03B pertaining to nonhazardous waste striping shall be included in the contract.

No Permits Required.