



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): I-80 CAPM Antelope to Sierra College

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-VAR-80

PM/PM: VAR

EA: 03-2J170

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the "I-80 CAPM Antelope to Sierra College Project" that spans across Sacramento and Placer County on Interstate 80 (I-80) from 0.7 miles east of the Antelope Road Overcrossing (Br. No. 24-0129) to 0.4 miles east of the Sierra College Boulevard Overcrossing (Br. No. 19-0095), from postmile (PM) 17.4 in Sacramento County to PM 7.8 in Placer County. (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 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].)

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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)(22)**

☐ **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.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/13/2026

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 4/15/26



Continuation sheet:

The project proposes to address existing pavement in poor and fair condition using CAPM strategies to extend the service life of the roadway. It also proposes to restore the functionality and extend the service life of drainage systems by rehabilitating culverts in poor and/or fair condition, preventing further damage to the roadbed that supports the pavement. Additionally, the project includes upgrading curb ramps, complete streets elements, median barriers, TMS elements, signs, and guardrail to meet the latest standards. Finally, the project proposes installing full trash capture devices to support compliance with the Statewide National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Order No. 2022-003-DWQ related to Trash Implementation Requirements.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement and drainage systems, improve the safety and mobility of the traveling public and pedestrians on Interstate-80, and enhance operational mobility and efficiency of freight.

Need

The pavement, drainage, safety, and operational features are deteriorating and approaching the end of their service life. Rehabilitation is needed to maintain system performance, safety, and mobility. If not addressed, these deficiencies are expected to worsen overtime, resulting in more extensive and costly repairs.

The Pavement Condition Summary Report (PaveM) projects that by year 2028, which is the construction year of the project, the existing flexible pavement on Interstate 80 at PM 17.5 to PM18.0 will exhibit a lane weighted average of 6.87% Alligator B cracking, and on Interstate 80 from PM 0.0 to PM 7.1, 15.29%. This is a major sign of distress, which will continue to deteriorate without proper action.

Drainage systems within the project limits have also been deteriorating and, if left unaddressed, will jeopardize the stability of the roadbed.

Several curb ramps, complete street elements, median barrier, TMS elements, signs, and guardrail runs are identified with a need for upgrade to current standards.

Finally, pursuant to the requirements set forth in the current NPDES Permit Order No. 2022-0033-DWQ, which mandates trash capture measures at all statewide Significant Trash Generating Areas (STGAs), the project is obligated to implement full trash capture devices or, alternatively, enhanced litter pickup efforts.

Environmental Commitments:

The following commitments are required to ensure environmental compliance on this



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Project.

Hazardous Waste Specifications

- SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead
- SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste
- SSP 36-4 Residue Containing Lead from Paint and Thermoplastic &/or 84-9.03C Remove Traffic Stripes and Pavement Markings Containing Lead

Biology

- SSP 14-1.02. Environmentally Sensitive Area
- SSP 14-6.03A Species Protection
- SSP 14-6.03C Fish Protection
- SSP 14-6.03D(1) Contractor-Supplied Biologist
- SSP 14-6.03D(3) Biological Resource Information Program
- SSP 14-6.05 Invasive Species Control

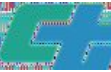
Permit and Consultation:

Permit:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife 1600 Routine Maintenance Agreement.

Right-of-Way:

Work would occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way and three Temporary Construction Easements (TCE).



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - VAR - 080 **PM/PM:** 0.000/0.000 **EA/Project ID:** 03-2J170_ / 0321000195

Project Description: Rehabilitate pavement and drainage systems, and upgrade signs, guardrail, Traffic Management System (TMS) elements, and facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Date (Last modification): 12/30/2025

Environmental Planner: Obaida Akther **Phone:** 530-812-3325

Construction Liaison: Jesse Starr **Phone:** 530-708-5181

Resident Engineer: **Phone:**

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1600 Maintenance Agreement	California Department of Fish & Wildlife						

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Category	Task and Brief Description	Source	Included in PS&E Package	Responsible Branch/Staff	Action to Comply	Due Date	Task Completed by	Task Completed on	Remarks	Mitigation for significant impacts under CEQA
Biology	Comply with 14-6.03A Species Protection	Env Doc/ 1600 RMA	SSP	Biologist, ECL, RE	CSB to conduct Preconsturction Nesting Bird Surveys prior to veg removal.				Only needed If tree removal is required during the nesting period, February 1 to September 30.	
Biology	Comply with SSP 14-6.03D Contractor Supplied Biologist.	Env Doc/ 1600 RMA	SSP	ECL/RE	Submit CSB resumes to ECL. CDFW will approve biologist.					
Biology	Draft a Water Diversion Plan for in-water work to include for submittal with the permit Verification Request Form.	1600 RMA Sec 2.34	n/a	Design, PM	Must be submitted with VRF 10 days prior to the start of construction. Must be approved by CDFW within 10 days				When a temporary dam or other artificial obstruction is being constructed, maintained, or placed in operation, sufficient water shall always be allowed to pass downstream to maintain aquatic life below the dam.	
Biology	Submit Verification Request Form (VRF) To CDFW with	1600 RMA	n/a	Biologist					Biologist will	

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	Water Diversion Plan.								submit a VRF 12 months prior to the start of construction.	
Permits	14-6.05 INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL	1600 RMA Sec 2.25	SSP	RE/ECL	All visible soil/mud, plant materials, and animal remnants on equipment will be removed prior to entering and exiting the work site and/or between each use in different water bodies.					
Permits	Permittee Shall Designate a Representative	1600 RMA Sec 2.6		ECL/RE	The Permittee shall notify CDFW in writing no sooner than five (5) days prior to commencement of project activities of the Designated Representative's names, business addresses, and contact information.					
Permits	Submit proposed Designated Biologist's Info to CDFW.	1600 RMA		Biologist	submit with the VRF the name, Notification No., qualifications, business address, and contact information for the designated Biologist					
CONSTRUCTION										
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Air Quality	Follow Standard Spec 14- "Air Quality"	Std. Spec								
Biology	Comply with 14-6.03A Species Protection	Env Doc/ 1600 RMA	SSP	CSB, ECL	Survey/monitor for NWPT in culverts prior to the start of work or water diversion.					
Biology	Comply with all measures/permit conditions within the 1600 Routine Maintenance Agreement.	1600 RMA	n/a	ECL/RE						

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Biology	Comply with SSP 14-6.03C Fish Protection	1600 RMA Sec 2.2.3.1/ Env Doc	SSP	CSB/ECL/RE	In water work window June 1 - October 15. No diversion/ in-water work within surface waters outside of this period.				CSB will Monitor water diversion for stranded aquatic species per RMA sec 2.37	
Biology	Comply with SSP 14-6.03D(1) Contractor-Supplied Biologist	Env Doc, 1600 RMA Sec 2.16 and 2.17	SSP	ECL, CSB	Survey/monitor for amphibians prior to and during water diversions. Preconstruction nesting bird survey				SpadeFoot Survey and Monitoring for PM3.37 Culvert work and Ground disturbance.	
Biology	Comply with SSP 14-6.03D(3) Biological Resource Information Program	Env Doc	SSP	RE,CSB	Provide BRIP training to all personnel annually per 1600RMA					
Biology	Comply with Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-1.02.Environmentally Sensitive Area	Env Doc	SSP	RE	Identify and mark ESA's prior to construction commencing.				See ESA Mapping for locations.	
Biology	Comply with Std. Spec 14-6 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES	Env Doc	Yes							
Cultural Resources	Comply with Standard Specification 14.2.0 Archaeological Resource General 14-2.03A	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE/ECL						
Hazardous Waste	14-11.14	ISA	ssp							
Hazardous Waste	36-4 &/or 84-9.03C	ISA	SSP							
Hazardous Waste	7-1.02k(6)(j)(iii)	ISA	SSP							
Noise	Follow Standard Spec 14-8.02 "Noise Control"	Std. Spec								

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