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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Placerville 49 CAPM

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-ED-49 **PM/PM:** 14.20/16.50

EA: 03-2J110/EFIS 0321000189 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the Placerville 49 CAPM Project on State Route 49 (SR 49), from approximately 0.1 mile north of Skyline Drive to 0.1 mile north of Diana Street in El Dorado 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].)

Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Veronica Wilson	*Veronica Wilson*	06/01/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Najed A Dakak	*Najed Dakak*	06/01/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

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)(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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Veronica Wilson	*Veronica Wilson*	06/01/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Najed A Dakak	*Najed Dakak*	06/01/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): 4/13/26
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 1/29/26

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).

Continuation sheet:

Project Description:
The project proposes to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement on SR 49 by cold-planing 0.25 feet of pavement and repaving it with 0.25 feet of Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt (Gap Graded). Additional work includes improving the existing drainage system, upgrading existing curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, modifying traffic signals, constructing a maintenance vehicle pullout (MVP), and updating signage and striping.

Purpose:
The purpose of this project is to preserve the existing pavement and prevent further deterioration of the roadway, extend the operational life of various drainage systems, and upgrade ADA facilities within the project limits.

Need:
The project is needed because if pavement conditions are not addressed, the existing pavement is expected to further deteriorate which would result in higher maintenance costs.

Pavement
Existing pavement within the project limits exhibits signs of distress. Based on the pavement assessment, Alligator B cracking is projected to increase from 3.93% (as measured in the 2019 Automated Pavement Condition Survey [APCS]) to 25.25% within the project limits. If pavement conditions are not addressed, further deterioration is expected, resulting in significantly higher maintenance costs.

Drainage
Culvert assessments indicate that multiple culvert systems within the project limits require rehabilitation. Drainage systems in poor condition must be rehabilitated or replaced to restore functionality and improve long-term performance. Hydraulic checks will be performed to confirm adequate conveyance, minimize roadway ponding, and provide outlet protection where necessary.

ADA
Existing curb ramps along SR 49 within the City of Placerville are non-compliant with the latest Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and requirements.

Environmental Commitments:

The following commitments are required to ensure environmental compliance on this 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

Biology

- SSP 14-6.03 B Bird Protection
- SSP 14-6.03 D Contractor supplied biologist

Permit Requirements
No permits are required.

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

Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - ED - 049 **PM/PM:** 14.200/16.500 **EA/Project ID:** 03-2J110_ / 0321000189

Project Description: Rehabilitate pavement and drainage systems, construct maintenance vehicle pullouts, and upgrade signs, Traffic Management System (TMS) elements, and facilities to Americans with Disabilities Act (A standards.

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

Construction Liaison: **Phone:**

Resident Engineer: **Phone:**

PERMITS

Permit	Agency	Application Submitted	Permit Received	Permit Expiration	Permit Requirements Completed by	Permit Requirements Completed on	Comments
1- No Permits Required	n/a						

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

PS&E/BEFORE RTL

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
Air Quality	Consider non-styrene CIPP liners near residences.		SSP	Env/Design						
Noise	Discuss noise control NSSP with PDT due to night construction near residences.		NSSP	Env/Design						
Vibration	Discuss vibration control NSSP with PDT due to proximity to residences.		NSSP	Env/Design						

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	SSP 14-6.03B - Bird Protection	SSP	SSP	RE	Pre-construction nesting bird survyes prior to any vegetation trimming or clearing.					
Biology	SSP 14-6.03D - Contractor Supplied biologist	SSP	SSP	RE	CSB to complete pre-construction nesting bird surveys.					

Environmental Commitments Record for Placerville 49 CAPM

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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
Cultural Resources	Comply with Standard Specifications 14-2. Archaeological Resources General	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	RE/ECL						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste	ISA	SSP	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 36-4 Residue Containing Lead from Paint and Thermoplastic	ISA	SSP	RE/ECL						
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii)Earth Material Containing Lead		Yes							

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