



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

Project Information

Project Name: Highway Maintenance Culvert Repair Project

DIST-CO-RTE: 07-LA-5/5S/14

PM/PM: Various

EA: 0Y990

Federal-Aid Project Number: 0726000127

CE#: 202603012

Project Description

Caltrans is proposing a highway maintenance project to place cure-in-place pipeliner (CIPP) or concrete invert paving and to repair joints and invert at several culvert locations along Routes 5, 5S, and 14 in Los Angeles County. The ten (10) sites are located between post miles (PM) R51.43 and 80.00 on Interstate (I) 5, at PM C45.49 on I-5S, and between PM R28.93 and R48.61 on State Route (SR) 14. The purpose of this project is to restore the ten existing culverts to meet current safety standards. The need arises from the drainage culverts having lost serviceability due to deterioration. This project will effectively prevent erosion, ponding, flooding, and improve safety. No public utilities will be relocated, and no new right-of-way will be acquired. See continuation sheet for a list of the specific work locations.

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 1d.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15301)

☐ 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)(Enter activity number)**

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(Enter activity number)**

☒ **Activity 2 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): 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:

General

- If there are any changes to the project scope of work, the Division of Environmental Planning shall be notified and updates to the previous assessment may be warranted.
- The Division of Environmental Planning will be provided the Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) Package for review and comments.

Air Quality

- The PDT should review, evaluate, and consider project measures in Tables 1 and 3 of the GHG Reduction Measures Toolbox ([caltrans-ghg-reduction-measures-a11y.pdf](#)) and ensure that the project commit to include all feasible and relevant measures identified from the Tables. If any measures are proposed outside the Tables in the Toolbox, the PDT shall ensure that those measures are biddable, buildable, and can be successfully implemented. All identified reduction measures shall be carried forward in the ECR.
- This project must comply with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Fugitive Dust Implementation Rule 403 to minimize temporary emissions during construction of the project as applicable and appropriate.
- Construction of the proposed project shall comply with all applicable AQMD Rules.
- Objectionable odor should also be minimized by conducting certain construction activities in areas at least 500 feet from the sensitive receptors as feasible.
- The AQB will coordinate for review and approval of a nonstandard special provision (nSSP) 14-9.05 to mandate contractors' compliance with all applicable air district rules including measures related to dust control.

Biological Resources

- Indirect impacts from roadway runoff will be minimized through incorporation of all appropriate Stormwater and Erosion Best Management Practices (BMPs). All appropriate Stormwater and Erosion Control BMPs will be incorporated into the project specifications.
- All pollution and litter laws and regulations will be followed by the contractor and all personnel on site. All loose debris (as a result of construction of this project) must be hauled off the project site.
- Pre-construction nesting bird surveys will be conducted prior to the start of work activities. Nesting bird season is expected to occur between February 1st and September 1st.



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- Pre-construction surveys for the Crotch's bumble bee and coast horned lizard will be conducted within 72 hours prior to the start of work.

Cultural Resources

- If previously unidentified cultural materials are unearthed during construction, work will be halted in that area until a qualified archaeologist can assess the significance of the find.

Hazardous Waste

- All disturbed soil must remain on site. To protect workers, the contractor is required to prepare Lead Compliance Plan (LCP).
- To determine options for soil management and disposal, the debris and sediment generated from cleaning the drainage systems may need to be collected and analyzed for screening of standard hazardous waste in accordance with Section 13-4.03D(5) of the 2022 Standard Specifications.

Noise

- Overnight construction noise levels should not exceed sustained 86 dBA at 50 feet from the job site activities. Noise levels generated during construction shall comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

Visual Resources

- Any change in the scope of work will require a Visual Impact Re-Assessment and a Scenic Resource Re-Evaluation.

Work Locations:

SCOPE OF WORK SUMMARY							
Loc No.	LOCATION					SCOPE OF WORK	
	ROUTE	POST MILE	DIRECTION	SYSTEM No.	DESCRIPTION		
1	5S	C45.49	SB	530056004549	FROM ET-6 TO ET-8. ACROSS END OF SB Rte 5 OFF RAMP TO SIERRA Hwy.	18" Dia RCP CIPP LINING	
2	5	R51.43	NB	530056005153	FROM ET-10 TO ET-16. WITHIN ON RAMP FROM EB McBEAN Pkwy TO NB Rte 5.	24" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
3	5	R54.84	NB	530050005484	FROM ET-2 TO ET-3. 0.5 MILE SOUTH OF RTE 126/NEWHALL RANCH Rd BRIDGE, ACROSS NB Rte 5 MAINLINE.	6"x2"x92" RCB JOINT SEALING	
4	5	R66.32	NB	530050006628	FROM ET-5 TO ET-6. 0.3 MILE NORTH OF TEMPLIN Hwy UC ON NB Rte 5 SLOPE NEXT TO PARADISE RANCH Rd.	36" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
5	5	R74.80	NB	530054007502	FROM ET-5 TO ET-8. 0.3 MILE NORTH OF VISTA DEL LAGO Rd OC ON NB Rte 5 SLOPE NEXT TO CONCRETE DITCH.	72" Dia CSP INVERT PAVING	
6	5	R79.91	NB	530052007991	FROM ET-1 TO ET-2. 1.6 MILES SOUTH OF Rte 5/138 Sep ACROSS NB Rte 5 MAINLINE.	24" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
7	5	R80.50	NB	530052008050	FROM ET-1 TO ET-2. 1 MILE SOUTH OF Rte 5/138 Sep ACROSS NB Rte 5 MAINLINE.	24" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
8	14	R28.93	NB/SB	530140002889	FROM ET-1 TO ET-13. 0.8 MILE NORTH OF PLACERITA CANYON Rd UC ACROSS MAINLINE.	54" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
9	14	34.92	NB	530144003492	FROM ET-1 TO ET-2. 0.8 MILE SOUTH OF SOLEDAD CANYON Rd UC ON NB Rte 14 SLOPE.	24" Dia CSP CIPP LINING	
10	14	R48.61	NB/SB	530148004861	FROM ET-2 TO ET-6. AT SB OFF RAMP FROM Rte 14 TO CROWN VALLEY Rd.	65" Dia CSP INVERT PAVING	