



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): HM-4 TMS Detection Technology Replacement

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-Sac & Pla-Var

PM/PM: Var/Var

EA: 03-4G200

Federal-Aid Project Number:

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes a HM-4 rehabilitation project along various state routes in Sacramento and Placer counties to rehabilitate, replace, or relocate existing ramp-metering and Traffic Management System (TMS) elements at multiple locations. The work includes conduit trenching, cleaning, and replacement of existing electrical conductors, installation of new Cast-in-Drilled-Hole (CIDH) pile foundations and poles equipped with Microwave Radar Systems (MRS), Flashing Beacons, and/or Microwave Vehicle Detection Systems (MVDS), installation of new guardrail at light pole locations where needed, and replacement of existing electrical detection loops. (Continued on 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

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08/10/2026

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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)**([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

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

N/A

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 7/16/2026

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:

Location	Location Name	County	Route	Direction	PM	Element Type
1	Exposition Blvd 160EB Slip	SAC	160	NB	45.99	Traffic Monitoring Detection Stations (TMDS)
2	SB Zinfandel 50WB Slip	SAC	50	WB	R 10.90	Freeway Ramp Meters
3	Fulton Ave to 51SB Slip	SAC	51	SB	6.75	Freeway Ramp Meters
4	SB Watt Ave 51NB Loop	SAC	51	NB	7.85	Freeway Ramp Meters
5	SB Watt Ave 80WB Slip	SAC	80	WB	M 10.33	Freeway Ramp Meters
6	WB Mack Rd 99NB Slip	SAC	99	NB	17.68	Freeway Ramp Meters
7	EB Pleasant 65NB Loop	PLA	65	NB	R 7.03	Traffic Monitoring Detection Stations (TMDS)

Table 1: 7 Locations of HM-4 Rehabilitation Project

Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to rehabilitate or replace existing ramp-metering technology at various locations in Placer and Sacramento Counties. The project is needed to modernize outdated equipment and ensure continued, reliable operation of ramp-meter detection systems.

Scope of Work

Work would include the following:

- Performing conduit trenching, cleaning, and replacing existing electrical conductors.
- Installing new Cast-in-Drilled-Hole (CIDH) pile foundations and poles equipped with Microwave Radar Systems (MRS), Flashing Beacons, and/or Microwave Vehicle Detection Systems (MVDS).
- Installing guardrail at light-pole locations where needed.
- Replacing existing electrical detection loops.



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Construction is anticipated to begin on May 7, 2027 and last approximately 50 working days.

Right of Way/Staging

Work would occur within Caltrans Right-of-Way

Disposal/Borrow

No disposal or borrow sites are required for this project.

Consultation/Coordination

No consultation or coordination would be required.

Permits/Approvals

No permits or approval will be required.



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - VAR - VAR PM/PM: 0.000/0.000 EA/Project ID: 03-4G200_ / 0326000138

Project Description: TMDS and Freeway Ramp Meter Technology Replacement.

Date (Last modification): 7/16/2026

Environmental Planner: Obaida Akther

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Construction Liaison:

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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

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
Air Quality	Comply with the 2025 Caltrans Standard Specifications in Section 14-9.	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 14-11.08 Regulated Material Containing Aerially Deposited Lead	ISA	SSP		Submit LCP to safety officer for review and acceptance					
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 14-11.14 Treated Wood Waste	ISA	SSP		Submit as an informational submittal a copy of each completed shipping record and weight receipt					
Hazardous Waste	Comply with SSP 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Unregulated Earth Material Containing Lead	ISA	SSP		Submit LCP to safety officer for review and acceptance					
Noise	Comply with 2025 Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8.02, "Noise Control."	Std. Spec	Std. Spec	RE						

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