



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): Pavement Rehabilitation

DIST-CO-RTE: 06-TUL-99

PM/PM: 15.1/25.5

EA: 06-1K250

Federal-Aid Project Number: NA

Project Description

The project is in Tulare County near Tulare, from 0.2 miles south of the Avenue 120 over crossing to 0.1 miles north of Elk Bayou. It involves removing and replacing RHMA-O (0.10') and RHMA-G (0.20') with dig-out repairs at various failed locations from post mile 19.5 to post mile 25.2, along with fog seal and 2-foot shoulder backing where needed. Chevron markings will be applied on gore areas of the ramps from post mile 15.1 to post mile 19.5. All work stays within Caltrans right of way.

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 1c.** (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

Pedram Mafi

Print Name

Signature

8/10/26

Date

Project Manager

Gurpaul Bath

Print Name

Signature

8/10/2026

Date



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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

Print Name

Signature

Date

Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Print Name

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:

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:

Apply avoidance and/or minimization measure as required for nesting birds/night work. Pre-construction surveys for nesting migratory birds shall be required if vegetation removal work is done during the nesting bird season.

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

A lead compliance plan developed by a Certified Industrial Hygienist is required for ground disturbing activities (utility relocating, grading, etc.), as stated in Caltrans' Standard Special Provision 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead. A lead compliance plan is required when lead concentrations in soil are non-hazardous (below 1,000 mg/kg total lead and below 5 mg/l soluble lead) or whenever disturbance (e.g. excavation) of earth material (i.e. soil) could result in lead exposure, if ground disturbance will occur, and soil disposal in a permitted landfill is not required.

Residue from removal of yellow thermoplastic pavement marking and/or yellow painted traffic stripe may contain lead chromate. Debris produced from the separate removal of any yellow thermoplastic pavement marking, and/or yellow painted traffic stripe may contain heavy metals in concentrations that exceed thresholds established by the Health and Safety Code and 22 California Code of Regulations. If yellow striping will be removed separately, SSP 14-11.12 is required for proper management of hazardous waste residue and a lead compliance plan. Include SSP 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic and addresses the need for a lead compliance Plan (please note that one lead compliance plan may address soil and paint/markings materials).



Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 06 - TUL - 099 PM/PM: 15.100/25.200 EA/Project ID: 06-1K250_ / 0626000160

Project Description: 0.20; Cold Plane and RHMA-G, 0.10' Cold Plane and RHMA-O

Date (Last modification):

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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
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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
Hazardous Waste	14-11.12 is required for proper management of hazardous waste residue from separate removal of yellow thermoplastics/stripping/markings and/or 36-4 and/or 84-9.03B for work involving residue from grinding and cold planing that contains lead from paint and thermoplastic	SSP	SSP	RE, PE, Environmental	Include in bid package					
Hazardous Waste	7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead	SSP	SSP	RE, PE, Environmental	Include in bid package					

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
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Hazardous Waste	7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Earth Material Containing Lead	SSP	SSP	RE, PE, Environmental	Review contractor-prepared LCP					