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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): HM-4 Safety: Run-Off-Road Prevention.

DIST-CO-RTE: 03- ED & YOL -Var **PM/PM:** Var/Var

EA: 03-4G030 **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes the HM-4 Safety: Run-Off-Road Prevention Project on State Routes 89, 113, and 193 at multiple locations in El Dorado and Yolo Counties. The project is designed to reduce run-off-road collisions and improve roadway safety through targeted operational and pavement improvements. The proposed work includes installation of high-friction surface treatments (HFST), upgrades to existing signage, enhancements to pavement markings, construction of new crosswalks, and rehabilitation of roadway striping. Specific activities consist of applying HFST, installing and upgrading sign posts and sign panels, replacing wooden posts with metal posts, applying MMA striping, installing crosswalks and associated warning signs, restriping parking stalls, removing existing thermoplastic striping, placing new 6-inch thermoplastic (EWNV) striping, performing high-pressure water blasting and installing 6-inch or 12-inch rumble strips.(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	Veronica Wilson	08/17/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Berhane Tesfagabr	Berhane Tesfagabr	08/17/2026
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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: 7/22/2026

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).

Continuation sheet

Loc No.	County	Route	Post Miles	Work description
1	ED	89	14.30-14.56	Apply HFST and install new signs posts/signs panels, upgrade existing sign panels/Replace wooden post with metal post. Apply MMA striping
2	ED	89	15.18-15.64	Apply HFST and upgrade existing sign panels. Apply MMA striping
3	ED	89	16.08-16.28	Install crosswalk, install signs, upgrade sign panels.
4	ED	89	17.25-17.36	Restripe parking stalls with MMA. Install crosswalks. Install signs.
5	ED	193	21.35-26.94	Remove thermoplastic traffic stripe, place 6" thermoplastic traffic stripe (EWNV), high-pressure water blasting, install 6” or 12" rumble strip.
6	Yol	113	18.62-18.62	Install new signposts /sign panels, upgrade sign panels.

Table 1: 6 Locations of HM-4 Safety: Run-Off-Road Prevention.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the project is to prevent run-off-road collisions and improve roadway safety through the installation of high-friction surface treatments and enhanced roadway delineation to increase driver awareness.

The need for the project is to improve pavement friction and roadway visibility at various locations within the project limits to enhance overall roadway safety.

Scope of Work

Work would include the following:

- Applying high-friction surface treatment (HFST) at designated locations.
- Installing new sign posts and sign panels and upgrading existing signage; replacing wooden posts with metal posts where needed.
- Applying MMA striping and restriping parking stalls.
- Installing crosswalks and associated roadway signs.
- Removing existing thermoplastic striping, placing new 6-inch thermoplastic (EWNV) striping, and performing high-pressure water blasting.
- Installing 6-inch or 12-inch rumble strips to enhance driver awareness.

Construction is anticipated to begin on May 14, 2027 and last approximately 75 working days, with night work required.

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.

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Environmental Commitments Record (ECR)

DIST-CO-RTE: 03 - VAR - VAR **PM/PM:** 0.000/0.000 **EA/Project ID:** 03-4G030_ / 0326000092

Project Description: Install high friction surface treatment. Upgrade curve warning signs to type XI sheeting. Re-stripe pavement delineation. Install rumble strips.

Date (Last modification): 7/22/2026

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

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 Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-6.03A Species Protection	Env Doc	SSP	RE/ECL	Perform nesting bird surveys prior to construction					

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	The construction contractor must comply with the Caltrans Standard Specifications in Section 14-9.	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Cultural Resources	Please Comply with Standard Specification 14-2 Cultural Resources	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 14-11.14Treated Wood Waste (TWW) (SSP)		Yes							
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 36-4Residue Containing Lead from Paint and Thermoplastic or (SSP) 84-9.03BRemove Traffic Stripes and Pavement Markings Containing Lead		Yes							
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Special Provision (SSP) 7-1.02K(6)(j)(iii) Unregulated Earth Material Containing Lead (SSP)		Yes							
Hazardous Waste	Use Standard Specification 7-1.02K(6)(j)(ii) Lead Compliance Plan (SS)		Yes							

Environmental Commitments Record for HM-4 Safety: Run-Off-Road

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Noise	The construction contractor must comply with the Caltrans Standard Specification Section 14-8	Env Doc	Std. Spec	RE						

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