



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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): I-805/5 Conversion to Express Lanes

DIST-CO-RTE: 11-SD-805

PM/PM: 21.5-28.7

EA: 2T367

Federal-Aid Project Number: 1122000082

Project Description

Drill 9 borings each to a depth of 40 feet. Most borings will be drilled within paved shoulders of Caltrans I-805 medians. Boring A-26-006 will be drilled within paved city street/RoW. All borings will be completed using 8-inch diameter augers and backfilled per State and County requirements. If groundwater is encountered, rotary wash drilling will be used to complete borings. Soil spoils at paved locations will be drummed and hauled off-site for disposal. All borings will be backfilled according to CA DWR guidelines and ground surfaces will be restored to original condition with concrete or asphalt as necessary. See attached SIP files for additional information. Work at each boring location will take approximately 4-8 hours (single shift).

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 6.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15306.)

☒ 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 7 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): N/A

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: Commitments on page 3

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:

Noise

- Construction noise should comply with Caltrans Standard Specifications Section 14-8.02, Noise Control. If work occurs between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., noise must not exceed 86 dBA Lmax at 50 feet from the job site.
- Recommended measures are to conduct drilling during daytime hours where practicable, minimize unnecessary idling, maintain equipment in proper operating condition, and locate equipment as far from sensitive receptors as practical. If nighttime work is required, compliance with Section 14-8.02 should be verified.
- Standard construction noise requirements apply.

Hazardous Waste

Aerially Deposited Lead

Previous evaluations of ADL in soil were performed along I-805 northbound and southbound shoulders between PM 21.5 to 28.7 in 2015, 2018, and 2021. Based on a previous statistical analysis of ADL data, soil contains regulated concentrations of lead. Therefore, ADL would be a concern at all nine proposed borings A-26-001 to A-26-009.

Hazardous Waste Management

Handle, store, and dispose of hazardous waste under 22 California Code of Regulations Division 4.5.

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