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

Project Information

Project Name (if applicable): NEV/PLA 267 TMS

DIST-CO-RTE: 03-Nev, Pla-267 **PM/PM:** M1.4, 3.8

EA: 03-2N830 **Federal-Aid Project Number:** 0326000226

Project Description

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to improve traffic flow on the SR 267 corridor due to the frequent traffic congestion from Northstar Drive to Old Brockway Road/Soaring Way. Proposed locations and scope of the project are detailed 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

Erin Damm		10/16/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

Project Manager

Andy Qutami		10/16/2026
Print Name	Signature	Date

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): N/A
Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 10/12/26

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:

Location 1: 03 – NEV – 267 – PM M1.4 (SR 267 & Old Brockway Rd/Soaring Way)

- Replace outdated existing video detection system with a Video/Radar "Hybrid" system.
- Replace pull boxes/conduits.

Location 2: 03 – PLA – 267 – PM 3.8 (SR 267 & Northstar Dr)

- Replace outdated existing video detection system with a Video/Radar "Hybrid" system.
- Replace pull boxes/conduits.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of this project is to enhance TMC's ability to monitor road conditions, coordinate with emergency responders, and effectively inform road users of hazards or accidents, resulting in improved traffic flow along SR 267.

The existing traffic signal detection systems have failed because of outdated detection equipment and technology, leading to inefficient signal operations, resulting in excessive queueing.

Scope of Work

This project will replace existing video detection systems with video/radar "hybrid" systems, replace existing pull boxes and conduit to address system-wide congestion. Work would include the following: At Location 1 and Location 2: The work involves the removal of existing cameras (from the mast arms) and conductors (from existing conduits). Install new video/radar units on mast arms and pull new wires through the existing conduits as well as replacing pull boxes and conduits.

Construction is anticipated to begin in May 2027 and last approximately 10 working days. The project will be limited to night work.

Right-of-Way/Staging

This project would be completed within the operational right-of-way.
If required, all staging would occur within the Caltrans right-of-way on existing pullouts.

Disposal/Borrow

No borrow is required. There will be earthwork from ditch excavation that will be disposed of appropriately by the contractor.

Consultation/Coordination

Based on the proposed scope of work and due to the nature of the project, consultation and agency coordination are not required for this project.

Permits/Approvals

Based on the proposed scope of work, no regulatory permits are required.

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