

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

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12-ORA-405	2.6-6.5	0M350	NA
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M/P.M.	E.A. (State project)	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local project)/ Proj. No. /Project No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

(Briefly describe project, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary)

The proposed Safety project that proposes to replace temporary railing (Type K) with permanent Type 60 concrete barrier along the centerline, pave median area and modify/adjust drainage system, replacement of 5 existing signs, and replacement of 1 existing sign with 2 new shoulder signs. As well as, extend the second auxiliary lane on the SB I-405 from Culver Drive off-ramp to Jeffery Road/University Drive, the construction of a tieback wall under Culver Drive OC, and the realignment of Culver off and on-ramps, and 5 maintenance vehicle pullouts. Total DSA is 2.56 acres. The project is financed with state and federal funds and lies within Caltrans R/W for the southbound (SB) I-405 from the (NB) Sand Canyon Avenue off-ramp (PM 2.60) to 2,100 ft south of Jamboree Road OC (PM 6.5) in the city of Irvine, Orange County, CA.

CEQA COMPLIANCE (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the following statements (See 14 CCR 15300 et seq.):

- If this project falls within exempt class 3, 4, 5, 6 or 11, it does not impact an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law.
- There will not be a significant cumulative effect by this project and successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time.
- There is not a reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.
- This project does not damage a scenic resource within an officially designated state scenic highway.
- This project is not located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Govt. Code § 65962.5 ("Cortese List").
- This project does not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

Exempt by Statute. (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal, supporting information, and the above statements, the project is:

Categorically Exempt. Class 1 C. (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Categorically Exempt. General Rule 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 (CCR 15061[b][3])]

Smita Deshpande

Print Name: Environmental Branch Chief

Smita Deshpande April 23, 2013
Signature Date

for Ahmad Hindiyeh

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Ahmad Hindiyeh 4/29/13
Signature Date

NEPA COMPLIANCE

In accordance with 23 CFR 771.117, and based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that this project:

- does not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the environment as defined by NEPA and is excluded from the requirements to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and
- has considered unusual circumstances pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117(b) (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/hep/23cfr771.htm> - sec.771.117).

In non-attainment or maintenance areas for Federal air quality standards, the project is either exempt from all conformity requirements, or conformity analysis has been completed pursuant to 42 USC 7506(c) and 40 CFR 93.126, 40 CFR 93.127, 40 CFR 93.128.

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

23 USC 326: The State has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out, the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 23, United States Code, Section 326 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated June 7, 2010, executed between the FHWA and the State. The State has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) (___)

23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d) (2)

Activity ___ listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and the State

23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a CE under 23 USC 327.

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Print Name: Environmental Branch Chief

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: _____ Date of ECR or equivalent: _____

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., air quality studies, documentation of conformity exemption, FHWA conformity determination if 23 USC 327 project; \$106 commitments; \$4(f); \$7 results; Wetlands Finding; Floodplain Finding; additional studies; and design conditions).

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No significant environmental consequences are anticipated with the proposed project. In addition to the measures related to construction noise, air pollution control, water pollution control, erosion, cultural resources, and any subsequent requirements as given in the Caltrans Standard Specifications, the following conditions are required:

1. This project requires construction of storm drain improvements but the CECE request does not provide sufficient information on the drainage connections. These drainage connections may require 404 permit and 401 certification coordination if receiving water bodies are impacted with direction connections. Should dewatering be required, activities must comply with Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board's Order R8-2009-0045, for general waste discharge requirements for discharges to surface waters that pose an insignificant (De Minimums) threat to water quality within the Newport Bay Watershed.
2. It is anticipated that detailed drainage plans will be submitted as they become available, for subsequent reviews. (Possible permits 1 year to complete).
3. Construction Activities should occur outside the rainy season (October - May) to ensure that sedimentation within project drainage features does not occur during construction activities. If construction must occur during the rainy season, then protective measures include the preparation and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and BMPs. The SWPPP and BMPs must include measures to keep sediment out of project drainage features during the after storm events. This measure is for any project drainage features that do not involve undergrounding activities.
4. Lead Investigation will be needed at the early stage of PS&E, the Design Branch provides EE with two sets of plans showing the limits of the excavation to EE to conduct the lead investigation. If lead contamination is found, the results/conclusions will be included in the PS&E package. (6 months to complete).