NON-HIGHWAY PROJECTS UNDER THE 2021 PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT

CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2021)

Project Information

**Project Name (if applicable):**

**DIST-CO-RTE:**       **PM/PM:**

**EA:**       **Federal-Aid Project Number:**

Note: Also enter the EA and Federal-Aid Project Number (if applicable) in the footer beginning on page 2 and remove this note.

Project Description

Enter brief project description including need, purpose, location, limits, right-of-way requirements, and activities involved in this box. Use Continuation Sheet, if necessary.

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** Enter class. (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](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-1-guidance-for-compliance/ch-34-exemptions-to-ceqa#except) 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**

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**Project Manager**

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Caltrans NEPA Determination

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](https://dot.ca.gov/programs/environmental-analysis/standard-environmental-reference-ser/volume-1-guidance-for-compliance/ch-30-categorical-exclusions#exception) 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:

Categorical Exclusion (CE) under the 2021 Programmatic Agreement Between the FHWA and Caltrans for projects that do not meet the definition of “highway projects” under 23 CFR 773.103 and that qualify for a CE under 23 CFR 771.117

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**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

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**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion (if applicable):** Enter date

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** Enter date

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: