

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

08-SBd-Rialto	N/A	N/A	HSIPL 5205(026)
Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)	P.M./P.M.	E.A/Project No.	Federal-Aid Project No. (Local Project)/Project No.

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

The City of Rialto, in San Bernardino County, proposes to add protected left-turn phasing at four intersections: Riverside Avenue at Alder Avenue, Cedar Avenue at Etiwanda Avenue, Baseline Road at Sycamore Avenue, and Baseline Road at Eucalyptus Avenue. These signal upgrades are needed to improve safety to the traveling public. The purpose of the project is to reduce the potential for collisions related to unprotected left turns. Intersection improvements include the installation of video detection updates, installation of new traffic controllers, uninterrupted power supply, pedestrian pushbuttons, new signal mast arms, signing and striping modifications, vehicle indicators, pedestrian indicators, LED luminaries, ADA compliant curb ramps and emergency vehicle pre-emption landing. All work would be conducted within City right of way.

CALTRANS CEQA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☒ **Not Applicable – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency** ☐ **Not Applicable – Caltrans has prepared an Initial Study or Environmental Impact Report under CEQA**

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

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

☐ **Categorically Exempt Class** . (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply:

- 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.

☐ **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].)]

<p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>Signature <u>N/A</u> Date _____</p>	<p><u>N/A</u></p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager</p> <p>Signature <u>N/A</u> Date _____</p>
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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).

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION (Check one)

☒ **23 USC 326:** The State 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). As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act. 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 dated May 31, 2016, 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)(8)**
☐ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(____)**
☐ **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 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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

<p>Aaron Burton</p> <p>Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief</p> <p>Signature <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>3-14-19</u></p>	<p>David Lee</p> <p>Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Planner</p> <p>Signature <u>[Signature]</u> Date <u>03-14-19</u></p>
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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 3/14/2019 Date of ECR or equivalent: 3/14/2019

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The following studies, checklists and exemptions were prepared or determined during the environmental phase of the project:

- PES: approved 3/5/2019
- AQ Checklist: approved 1/31/2019
- Section 7 Bio No Effect Memo: approved 1/31/2019
- Section 106 Screened Undertaking: 3/14/2018

Avoidance Measures:

Cultural

CR-1: If buried cultural resources are encountered during Project Activities, it is Caltrans policy that work stop in that area until a qualified archaeologist can evaluate the nature and significance of the find.

CR-2: In the event that human remains are found, the county coroner shall be notified and ALL construction activities within 60 feet of the discovery shall stop. Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 5097.98, if the remains are thought to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) who will then notify the Most Likely Descendent (MLD). The person who discovered the remains will contact the District 8 Division of Environmental Planning; Andrew Walters, DEBC: (909)383-2647 and Gary Jones, DNAC: (909)383-7505. Further provisions of PRC 5097.98 are to be followed as applicable.

Permits

N/A