

SECTION B: Preliminary NEPA Class of Action

Based on the results of this preliminary environmental screening, the recommended NEPA Class of Action for the proposed project is a Categorical Exclusion (CE) under SAFETEA-LU Section 6004 (23 U.S.C. 326). [] Yes [] No

If "yes," check applicable activity below:

- [] 23 CFR 771.117(c): (Check one that is most applicable)
[] (1) Activities which do not involve or lead directly to construction.
[] (5) Transfer of Federal lands pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 317 when the subsequent action is not an FHWA action.
[] (11) Determination of payback under 23 CFR part 480 for property previously acquired with Federal-aid participation.
[] (16) Program administration, technical assistance activities, and operating assistance to transit authorities to continue existing service or increase service to meet routine changes in demand.
[] (17) The purchase of vehicles by the applicant where the use of these vehicles can be accommodated by existing facilities or by new facilities which themselves are within a CE.
[] (20) Promulgation of rules, regulations, and directives.

Project is a CE for a "non-infrastructure" highway project under SAFETEA-LU Section 6005(23 U.S.C. 327)

[] Yes [] No (Use only if project does not qualify under Section 6004)

The project does not involve the following Unusual Circumstances identified under 23 CFR 771.117(b)

Affirm each of the following by placing a check mark in the preceding box. Use of the PES(NI) will not be possible if all statements cannot be positively affirmed.

- [] Significant environmental impacts
[] Substantial controversy on environmental grounds
[] Significant impact on properties protected by Section 4(f) of the DOT Act or Section 106 of the National Preservation Act, or
[] Inconsistencies with any Federal, State or local law, requirement or administration determination relating to the environmental aspects of the action.

Affirm each of the following by placing a check mark in the preceding box. Use of the PES(NI) will not be possible if all statements cannot be positively affirmed.

- [] Air Quality: For projects located in Non-Attainment/Maintenance or Attainment/Unclassified area for CO, PM 2.5, and PM 10, those projects may be exempt from project-level conformity per 40 CFR 93.126 such as an activity which does not involve or lead directly to construction, or a safety project. Refer to 40 CFR 93.126 Table 2-Exempt Projects for the full listing.
[] Noise: Project will not generate any long or short term noise to sensitive receptors.
[] Water, Wetland, Floodplains: Project will not impact waters, wetlands or floodplains.
[] Biology: Project is one of the types covered by the Non-Infrastructure Project Natural Environmental Study - No Effect memo, dated June 21, 2011.
[] Cultural Resources: Project is one of the types covered by the Undertakings exempt from further review memo, dated June 13, 2011.
[] Sec 4(f): Project does not use a Section 4(f) property or result in the temporary occupancy of a Section 4(f) project.
[] Coastal Zone: Project is not in a Coastal Zone or qualifies for an exemption.
[] Relocation: Project does not involve any relocations.
[] Hazardous Waste and Materials: Project does not involve the generation or disposal of any hazardous waste or excess material.

Local Agency Project Engineer Signature

This Preliminary Environmental Screening - Non-Infrastructure PES(NI) form was prepared by me or under my direct supervision. The screening concluded that the project is of a non-infrastructure nature, involving no disruption to the ground or natural environment.

(Signature of Local Agency)

(Date)

(Telephone No.)

Caltrans District Senior Environmental Planner (or Designee) and DLAE Signatures

Based on the information provided on the PES(NI), I concur that the project will involve no disturbance to the ground or natural environment, that the actions is covered under both Attachments C & D of this Office Bulletin, that the recommended NEPA Class of Action is a Categorical Exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act as specified above, and that the project is in compliance with all other applicable environmental laws, regulations and Executive orders.

(Signature of Senior Environmental Planner or Designee)

(Date)

(Telephone No.)

(Print Name)

(Signature of District Local Assistance Engineer or Designee)

(Date)

(Telephone No.)

Print Name

Continuation of Project Description (if necessary):

Clarification of all “TBD” responses identified under Section A:

(Once clarification is obtained and provided below, change response from TBD to either “Yes” or “No” as applicable, and cross-reference discussion below.)

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