



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

**Project Information****DIST-CO-RTE:** 05-SLO-0-PSRS**PM/PM:****EA:****Federal-Aid Project Number:** BHLS-5084(017)**Project Description**

The City of Paso Robles, with assistance from the Federal Highway Administration, proposes to replace the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad (bridge 49C-0357), which is a structurally deficient and functionally obsolete overhead structure. The 120-foot bridge will be replaced with a new three-span 170-foot long bridge, that has two 12-foot wide lanes, two 6-foot wide shoulders, two sidewalks, and a median lane. Additional project activities include construction of a retaining wall, approach roadway improvements between the Park Street and Riverside Avenue intersections, and signal modification at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street/Riverside Avenue intersection. Approximately 51 trees will be removed along with other vegetation adjacent to the bridge.

**Caltrans CEQA Determination** (Check one)**Caltrans NEPA Determination** (Check one)

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, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(28)**

☐ **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 December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.



# Attachment 2

## CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

### Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Randy LaVack

Print Name

Signature

9/9/2020

Date

### Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Reinie Jones

Print Name

Signature

9/9/2020

Date

**Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion:** 9/4/20

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 9/4/20

The project has been reviewed for compliance with Federal environmental laws and regulations. The following avoidance and minimization measures will ensure no adverse impacts to environmental resources:

**Hazardous Materials:** An *Initial Site Assessment* identified several potential sources of hazardous material within the project area. The City will conduct a Preliminary Site Assessment prior to construction to test for hazardous materials. Measures to protect worker health and safety will be included in the project.

**Visual Impacts:** Per the *Visual Impact Assessment*, the trees that are removed will be replanted within the City at a 1:1 ratio.

**Nesting Birds:** Per the *Natural Environment Study-Minimal Impacts*, avoidance and minimization measures to protect nesting birds will be implemented.

**Noise:** Measures from the *Technical Noise Memorandum* will ensure minimization of noise impacts.



RECEIPT NUMBER:  
40-03102021-032

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)  
2021010068

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY  
CITY OF PASO ROBLES

LEAD AGENCY EMAIL  
dnash@prcity.com

DATE  
03/10/2021

COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE  
24TH STREET BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME  
CITY OF PASO ROBLES PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL  
dnash@prcity.com

PHONE NUMBER  
(805) 237-3970

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS  
1000 SPRING STREET

CITY  
PASO ROBLES

STATE  
CA

ZIP CODE  
93446

**PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)**

☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,445.25	\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,480.25	\$	\$2,480.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,171.25	\$	

☐ Exempt from fee  
    ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)  
    ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash    ☒ Credit    ☐ Check    ☐ Other

**TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$    \$2,530.25

SIGNATURE

X *Sandy Currans*

AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Sandy Currans, Deputy County Clerk-Recorder

**Filed in County Clerk's Office**

**Tommy Gong**  
San Luis Obispo - County Clerk-Recorder

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03/10/2021

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Pages: 2

Fee: \$ 2530.25

By scurrans, Deputy



## Notice of Determination

## Appendix D

## To:

☐ Office of Planning and Research

U.S. Mail:

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1400 Tenth St., Rm 113

Sacramento, CA 95814

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## From:

Public Agency: City of Paso RoblesAddress: 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, CA  
93446Contact: Darren NashPhone: (805) 237-3970

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021010068Project Title: 24th Street Bridge Replacement ProjectProject Applicant: City of Paso Robles Public Works Dept.Project Location (include county): Paso Robles, County of San Luis Obispo, California, 93446

## Project Description:

Project Description: The proposed Project is being implemented to replace an existing bridge that is currently classified as structurally deficient and functionally obsolete with a sufficiency rating of 71, as determined by the National Bridge Inventory Coding Guide. The proposed Project would improve travel safety along 24th Street and would allow proper clearance for the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks under the bridge, which is required to be a minimum of 23 feet 4 inches (23' 4"). 24th Street is an

This is to advise that the City of Paso Robles has approved the above  
(☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on February 12, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
(date)  
described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

www.prcity.com

Signature (Public Agency):

Title: City PlannerDate: March 8, 2021Date Received for filing at OPR: 1/8/2021