



State of California—The Resources Agency
 DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2012 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

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LEAD AGENCY CCC CONS + DEVELOPMENT DEPT		DATE 4-25-12
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CCC COUNTY CLERK		DOCUMENT NUMBER 12-125
PROJECT TITLE VASCO ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT		
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CCC CONS + DEVELOPMENT DEPT		PHONE NUMBER 925 (913) 2366
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 30 WILK RD	CITY MARTINEZ	STATE CA ZIP CODE 94553

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)	\$2,919.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (ND)(MND)	\$2,101.50	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)	\$850.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs (CRP)	\$992.50	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Administrative Fee	\$50.00	\$ 50.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project that is exempt from fees		
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption		
<input type="checkbox"/> DFG No Effect Determination (Form Attached)		
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*JVA 4224.00
 Fee # 1249137*

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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Office of Planning and Research

For U.S. Mail: Street Address:
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Contra Costa County
Dept. of Conservation & Development
30 Muir Road
Martinez, CA 94553

County Clerk

County of: Contra Costa
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

State Clearinghouse Number: 2009062094

Project Title: Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project, Project No.0662-6R4254/4255, CP#09-55

Project Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Project Location (include County): The project is a roughly 2.5 mile stretch of Vasco Road that falls between Camino Diablo Road and the southern entrance to Los Vaqueros Reservoir, roughly three miles north of the Contra Costa-Alameda County Line, in Contra Costa County.

Project Description: The Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project consists of safety improvements to a 2.5 mile long stretch of Vasco Road extending from Engineering Station 363+00 in the north, south to Station 244+00 in the south. This stretch of rural, twisting road has heavy, fast moving traffic and a history of serious injury and fatality accidents. The project will construct a concrete median barrier, install road shoulders that meet current design standards, connect two existing southbound truck passing lanes and install associated drainage, retaining walls, signing, striping, turn pockets, guardrail adjustments, wildlife crossing features, barrier end-treatments and two bridge widenings. Cut slopes will be excavated where right of way allows. Work will progress through all seasons, though not in adverse weather conditions. Phase 1 of the project was completed in January of 2012. As a result of the narrower Phase 2 construction corridor, a minor technical change to the project analyzed by the Mitigated Negative Declaration file on August 29, 2009 is necessary. This minor technical change consists of implementation of a full road closure on a limited number of weekends during construction of Phase 2. Road closures are expected to occur over four weekends during the first construction season and over two weekends during the second construction season. Real Property transactions, including right-of-way acquisition may be necessary in support of this project.

The project was approved on: August 25, 2009

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 Mitigated 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.

Notice of Determination sent to Office of Planning and Research.*

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:

Contra Costa County Public Works Department
255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553

Signature (Contra Costa County): *Leigh Chavez* Title: Senior Planner

Date: April 2, 2012 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF FILING AND POSTING

I declare that on APR 25 2012 I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature *R. Busec* Title: DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

Applicant: Contra Costa County Public Works Department 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553 Attn: Leigh Chavez Environmental Section Phone: (925) 313-2366	Department of Fish and Game Fees Due <input type="checkbox"/> EIR - \$2,919.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Neg. Dec. - \$2,101.50 <input type="checkbox"/> DeMinimis Findings - \$0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk - \$50 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dept. of Conservation & Development (DCD)-\$25	Total Due: \$ _____ Total Paid \$ _____ Receipt #: _____
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*Notice Of Determination may be sent by fax to (916) 323-3018, if followed up with a duplicate mailed copy.

APR 25 2012

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
BY *R. Busec* DEPUTY

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
651 PINE STREET 4TH FLOOR NORTH WING MARTINEZ, CALIFORNIA 94553-0095

Telephone: (925) 313-2366 Contact Person: Leigh Chavez, Environmental Analyst

Project Title: Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project **Project No.** 0662-6R4254/CP# 09-55
Project Location: The Project is a roughly 2.5 mile stretch of Vasco Road that falls between Camino Diablo Road and the southern entrance to Los Vaqueros Reservoir, roughly 3 miles north of the Contra Costa-Alameda County Line

Project Description: The Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project has been proposed by Contra Costa County to improve the safety of a two-plus mile stretch of Vasco Road between Brentwood and Livermore, California. The stretch of road is approximately 3 miles north of the Contra Costa County/Alameda County line. This stretch of rural, twisting road has heavy, fast-moving traffic, and a history of serious injury accidents. This project will construct a concrete median barrier along Vasco Road. The existing 2-lane segment will require additional pavement to connect the two existing southbound passing lanes eliminating two merges. A break in the median barrier will occur to accommodate turning movements and access to the East Bay Regional Park District's facilities. There will be no increase in capacity as a result of the project. Associated drainage, retaining walls, signing, striping, turn pockets, guardrail adjustments, and barrier end-treatments will be constructed as necessary to accommodate the installation of these improvements. Two bridge widenings over Brushy Creek will be required. The project will generate more than 97,000 cubic yards of excavated material (soil and road material). If negotiations with adjoining property owners are successful, acquisition of up to four adjacent spoils disposal sites may be utilized. If negotiations are unsuccessful, spoils will be hauled off-site. Spoils placement will be made under the guidance of a Geotechnical Engineer to avoid erosion, or instability and will be placed such that existing drainage patterns are not affected. Currently there is expected to be funding for approximately 1 mile of the full 2.5 mile section. Construction of the first phase of the project (the 1 mile section) is scheduled to begin in 2010 and end in 2011. Work will progress through all seasons, though not in adverse weather conditions. Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions throughout construction. The project will be staged such one lane in each direction will remain available to traffic during weekday commute hours (5:30 am to 8:30 am and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm). Traffic lanes will be shifted as necessary to construct the project in stages. Night work may occur in order to minimize traffic congestion resulting from the project. Real Property transactions including rights of entry, temporary construction easements, slope easements, and permanent fee title property acquisition may be necessary in support of the project.

The project was approved on August 25, 2009

Pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act:

- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified (SCH # _____)
 The Project was encompassed by an Environmental Impact Report previously prepared for _____ (SCH# _____)
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

Copies of the record of project approval and the Negative Declaration or the final EIR may be examined at the office of the Contra Costa County Public Works Department.

- The Project will not have a significant environmental effect.
 The Project will have a significant environmental effect.
 Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
 A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
 A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted.
 Findings were adopted pursuant to Section 15091 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

FILED
AUG 26 2009
S.L. WEIR, COUNTY CLERK
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
DEPUTY

Date: June 18, 2009

By: Maura Wilson
Conservation and Development Department Representative

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I declare that on 8/25/09 I received and posted this notice as required by California Public Resources Code Section 21152(c). Said notice will remain posted for 30 days from the filing date.

Signature

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLERK

Applicant: Department of Fish and Game Fees Due
Public Works Department EIR - \$2,768.25
255 Glacier Drive Neg. Dec. - \$1,993.00
Martinez, CA 94553 DeMinimis Findings - \$0
Attn: Leigh Chavez County Clerk - \$50
Environmental Section Community Development Dept. - \$25
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State of California—The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

2009 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

RECEIPT# **379560**
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LEAD AGENCY CC Dept of Conservation Development DATE 8/26/2009
 COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CC County Clerk DOCUMENT NUMBER 09-207
 PROJECT TITLE USFS Cotton Safety Improvement Project
 PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CC County Dept of Conservation & Development PHONE NUMBER 925-367-2366
 PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 605 Pine St 2nd floor CITY San Francisco STATE CA ZIP CODE 94133
 PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box):
 Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

- CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:
- Environmental Impact Report
 - Negative Declaration
 - Application Fee Water Diversion (State Water Resources Control Board Only)
 - Projects Subject to Certified Regulatory Programs
 - County Administrative Fee
 - Project that is exempt from fees
 - Notice of Exemption
 - DFG No. Effect Determination (Form Attached)
 - Other

\$2,768.25 \$
 \$1,993.00 \$ 1,233
 \$850.00 \$
 \$941.25 \$
 \$50.00 \$ 50

PAYMENT METHOD:
 Cash Credit Check Other DU \$ 050
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 2628

SIGNATURE [Signature] TITLE DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

WHITE - PROJECT APPLICANT YELLOW - DFG/ASB PINK - LEAD AGENCY GOLDEN ROD - COUNTY CLERK FG793.5a (Rev. 7/88)

ADDENDUM to the
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project

SCH# 2009062094
Project # 0662-6R4254/4255
CP# 09-55

PREFACE

The Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) evaluated the proposed project which consists of safety improvements to a 2.5 mile long stretch of Vasco Road between Brentwood and Livermore, California. The stretch of road extends from engineering Station 363+00 in the north, south to Station 244+00 in the south, approximately 3 miles north of the Contra Costa County/Alameda County line. This stretch of rural, twisting road has heavy, fast moving traffic and a history of serious injury and fatality accidents. The project will construct a concrete median barrier, install road shoulders that meet current design standards, and connect two existing southbound truck passing lanes thereby eliminating merges. Associated drainage, retaining walls, signing, striping, turn pockets, guardrail adjustments, and barrier end-treatments will be constructed as necessary to accommodate the installation of the barrier and shoulder widening safety features. Two bridge widenings over Brushy Creek will be necessary to accommodate the barrier and wider shoulders. In addition, several features have been incorporated into the project design to accommodate wildlife movement across/under the road including directional fencing for the entire length of both sides of the roadway connecting to multiple large and small animal undercrossings, earthen jump outs (small earthen pads that allow wildlife that does become trapped on the roadway to exit the road corridor to adjacent habitat), and overhead grating to allow light into the culvert to further encourage use. Median barriers will incorporate scuppers and breaks following Caltrans standard designs to allow animals caught in the roadway to cross to the other side to the nearest jumpout. Barriers to cattle crossing will be included at culverts that are four feet in diameter or larger. In order to accommodate the wider road, the hillsides on the eastern portion of the road will be cut further and retaining walls installed in some locations to retain hillsides. Cut slopes will be excavated where right of way allows. The road will then be repaved and striped to accommodate the larger lanes and shoulders. Work will progress through all seasons, though not in adverse weather conditions. Road widening will primarily occur along the eastern side of Vasco Road, where much of the area is existing cut and fill from the original construction of the road. The project is being constructed in two phases, the first of which was completed in January of 2012.

This document serves as an **Addendum** to the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project Mitigated Negative Declaration (CP# 09-55; SCH# 2009062094). The MND for the project consists of the original MND (dated June 18, 2009 and filed on August 26, 2009), and this Addendum.

The Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) is the Lead Agency for the project, and on August 25, 2009, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved the project and filed a Notice of Determination (NOD) with the County Clerk.

CEQA PROCESS

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) stipulates that an Addendum (CEQA Guidelines Section 15164) to a previously adopted MND may be prepared if only minor technical changes are necessary and none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 have occurred:

1. No substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. No substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which require major revisions of MND due to the involvement of new significant effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
3. No new information of substantial importance shows that the project will have one or more significant effects not previously discussed in the MND.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d), the Board shall consider this **Addendum** along with the MND prior to making a decision on the project. According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c) an Addendum does not require circulation for public review but can be included in or attached to the MND. As noted in the Preface, this **Addendum** is attached to the MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project (CP# 09-55, SCH# 2009062094).

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Construction of Phase I of the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project (from Stations 304 in the north to 244 in the south) was completed in January of 2012. Phase II of the project (from Stations 363 in the north to 290 in the south) is scheduled to begin construction as early as summer of 2012 pending successful procurement of funding. The first phase of the project was logistically simpler to construct as one component of that phase involved connection of two existing truck climbing lanes into one longer truck climbing lane. This component of the project provided additional room for the contractor to work with limited

effect on traffic flow on the roadway. Phase II of the project does not involve connection of truck climbing lanes, therefore, there will be less room available for construction activities and impacts to traffic flow will occur (see Explanation of the Addendum below). The Phase II portion of the project is expected to take two construction seasons to complete.

EXPLANATION OF THE ADDENDUM

This **Addendum** to the MND for Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project identifies minor technical changes in the project design/construction.

DESIGN

The logistics associated with constructing the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project (both design and construction) are complicated since this is a heavily traveled road, particularly during the weekday peak commute hours.

As a result of the complexity of the safety improvement project and the conditions present in the Phase II portion of the project, a minor technical change to the project analyzed by the Mitigated Negative Declaration filed on August 26, 2009 has been determined to be necessary during detailed project design. This minor technical change includes: implementation of a full road closure on a limited number of weekends on Phase II to allow for installation of multiple culvert crossings under the roadway, installation of a concrete median barrier, and placement of asphalt paving. Road closures are expected to occur over four weekends during the first construction season and over two weekends during the second construction season (as mentioned above, Phase II is expected to take two years to construct). This modification to the previously analyzed project is discussed below.

This **Addendum** is consistent with County policies and does not lead directly or indirectly to significant physical changes in the project, nor does it alter the adequacy or the completeness of the environmental impacts and mitigation measures identified in the MND. Therefore, this **Addendum** to the MND is appropriate.

ADDITIONS TO THE MND

This section identifies the language which is added and/or changed (**bold face type**) or deleted (~~strikeout~~) to the text and figures of the MND. The environmental impacts are discussed in "Environmental Initial Study: Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project, dated June 18, 2009 (attached) and filed on August 26, 2009. The changes below pertain to the document referenced above.

1. Full Road Closure and Detour Discussion in Project Description

Page 2, 5th Paragraph (Project Description): ~~Traffic flow will be maintained in both directions throughout construction.~~ **In order to allow for installation of road cross culverts, concrete median barrier, and asphalt paving in the narrow road corridor, full road closure will be required for approximately 6 weekends during the two-year construction period necessary to implement Phase II. Four weekend closures are expected during the first construction season and two weekend closures are expected the following construction season. Weekend closures will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday and end at 4:30 am on Monday. The weekend closures will not be allowed during the “u-pick” season which begins May 1 and ends July 10. Road closure and detour signage will be prominently displayed well in advance of the closure for the traveling public.**

2. Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Page 62, item g): ~~Construction of the proposed project will not require the closure of Vasco Road in the project area—traffic flow will be maintained in both directions throughout construction.~~ **The project will not impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan as emergency vehicles and personnel necessary to implement an emergency response plan will be allowed unrestricted passage through the project area at all times, even during periods of road closures. Therefore, no significant hazards and hazardous materials impacts are expected due to the closures.**

3. Transportation and Traffic

Page 77, item a): ~~In order to minimize potential traffic impacts, traffic flows will be maintained in both directions throughout construction. During the weekday non-commute hours and weekends when work is actively in progress, the contractor will be allowed to reduce traffic to one lane to be used interchangeably for both directions of traffic with the use of flaggers and pilot cars. Any temporary one-lane closures will be infrequent and of short duration.~~ **In order to allow for installation of road cross culverts, median barrier, and asphalt paving in a very narrow construction corridor, full road closure will be required for approximately 6 weekends during the construction period. Four weekend closures are expected during the first construction season and two weekend closures are expected the following construction season. Weekend closures will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday and end at 4:30 am on Monday. The weekend closures will not be allowed during the “u-pick” season which begins May 1 and ends July 10. Weekend traffic volume is 20% of the normal weekday Vasco Average Daily Trips of 22,000 vehicles per day.**

The detour will be as follows:

Northbound Vasco Road traffic (Livermore to Brentwood)

- Use eastbound I-580 toward Tracy ~ 9 miles**
- Merge into eastbound I-205 ~ 3 miles**
- Exit at Mountain House Parkway continue northbound ~ 3 miles**
- Turn left onto Byron Highway ~ 11 miles**
- Turn left onto Marsh Creek Road ~ 4 miles**
- Arrive at Intersection with Vasco Road/Highway 4 Bypass**

Southbound Vasco Road traffic (Brentwood to Livermore)

From southbound Vasco Road/Highway 4 Bypass:

- Turn left onto Marsh Creek Road ~ 4 miles**
- Turn right onto Byron Highway ~ 11 miles**
- Turn right onto Mountain House Parkway ~ 3 miles**
- Enter I-205 westbound ~ 3 miles**
- Merge with I-580 westbound ~ 9 miles**
- Exit onto Vasco Road**

Allowing weekend closures reduces the total number of working days necessary to complete the project which will reduce the overall duration of impacts to the traveling public due to the project. A well-coordinated noticing program will ensure all those potentially impacted by the closures are informed well in advance of construction (e.g., message boards on freeways and local roads in both Alameda County and Contra Costa County, press releases to media outlets, notice to emergency services, well-marked detour routes coordinated with the various agencies). Because closures will be restricted to a limited number of weekends (6 weekends over two years), traffic volume on the weekends is substantially less than midweek volumes, closures will not be allowed during the “u-pick” season, and a well-coordinated noticing program will be implemented, no significant impacts due to the weekend closures are anticipated. All necessary encroachment permits will be obtained from affected agencies (e.g., Alameda County, City of Livermore).

The project will continue to be staged such that one lane in each direction will remain available to traffic during weekday commute hours (5:30 am to 8:30 am and 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm). During the weekday non-commute hours the contractor will continue to be allowed to reduce traffic to one lane to be used interchangeably for both directions of traffic with the use of flaggers and pilot cars. Any temporary one-lane closures occurring during the weekday non-commute hours will be infrequent and of short duration.

Figures section: **Figure 3 identifies the proposed detour plan.**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ADDENDUM FINDINGS for the
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for
VASCO ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The following information is added to the previous MND and is presented to comply with Section 15091 of the CEQA Guidelines for the MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project

1. **Environmental Effect:** Modifications to the design section as described in this Addendum are minor technical changes or additions to the project and will not result in any additional environmental effects not previously discussed.

Findings: There are no significant environmental impacts associated with the minor technical changes or additions for the proposed activity for which this **Addendum** was prepared.

Statement of Facts:

- a. The project to be developed pursuant to this **Addendum** to the MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project is substantially similar to the project analyzed in the MND.
- b. The MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project consists of the MND, comments received, responses to the comments raised, and this **Addendum**. The MND was completed in compliance with CEQA.
- c. There are no substantial changes, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (a)(1), in the project that require major revisions of the MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The project is substantially similar to the project analyzed in the MND.
- d. There are no substantial changes with respect to the circumstances, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (a)(2), under which the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project is undertaken which require major revisions of the previous MND due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Those circumstances remain substantially similar to the circumstances analyzed in the MND.
- e. There is no new information of substantial importance, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 (a)(3), which shows that the project will have one or more significant effects not previously discussed in the MND.

f. None of the conditions calling for the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred (see items 1 c - e above). Therefore, it is appropriate to adopt this **Addendum** to the MND to make the minor technical changes and additions discussed in this document (CEQA Guidelines 15164). This **Addendum** shall be considered along with the MND prior to the Board making a decision on the minor technical changes or additions to the project, and in considering these changes or additions, the Board is considering the identical or substantially similar underlying project.

The findings are supported by substantial evidence in the administrative record and are based on the MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project, which was subject to public review.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(d), the County Board of Supervisors shall consider this **Addendum** along with the MND prior to making a decision on the project. According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c) an Addendum does not require circulation for public review but can be included in or attached to the MND. As noted in the Preface, this **Addendum** is attached to the MND for the Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project (CP# 09-55; SCH# 2009062094).

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/ CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

04-CC - 0 - CR ESPL 5928 (093) & DEMO5 5928 (094)
 Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency) P.M/P.M. E.A. (State project) Federal-Aid Project No. (Local project)/ Proj. No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Vasco Road Safety Improvement Project

Safety Improvements along Vasco Road from 3.0 miles to 5.5 miles north of the Alameda/Contra Costa County border, including construction of median barrier; additional pavement to connect existing southbound passing lanes, install barrier and accommodate stopping sight distance; associated drainage, retaining walls, signing, striping, turn pockets, guardrail adjustments and barrier end-treatments; and two bridge widenings over Brushy Creek.

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

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 _____ (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))]

Print Name: Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Signature

Date

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.

CALTRANS NEPA DETERMINATION

Section 6004: 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, 2007, 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)(1)
- Activity listed in the MOU between FHWA and the State

Section 6005: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the State has determined that the project is a CE under Section 6005 of 23 U.S.C. 327.

B. Deunert
Signature

8/24/09
Date

Signature for John Brewster 8/24/09
Signature

Date

Boris Deunert, Ph.D. Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name:
DLA Engineer

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/ CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM

Continuation Sheet

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Dist.-Co.-Rte. (or Local Agency)

P.M/P.M.

E.A. (State project)

ESPL 5928 (093) & DEMO5 5928 (094)

Federal-Aid Project No. (Local project)/ Proj. No.

Environmental Commitments:

- Compliance with Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated 20 August 2009.