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04-SON-0-SRO  
HSIPL-5028(078)

Mr. Jason Nutt  
Director of Public Works  
City of Santa Rosa  
69 Stony Circle  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Attention: Massoud Saberian  
Supervising Engineer

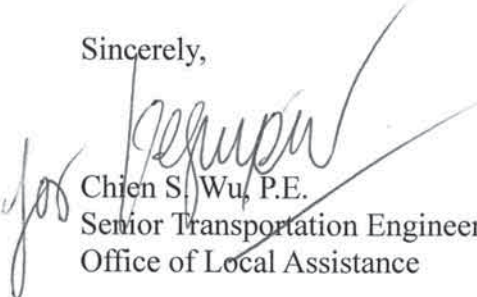
Dear Mr. Nutt:

This will confirm that your environmental document has been reviewed and approved in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A copy of the signed document is attached.

With this environmental clearance, you may now proceed with final design activities and preparation of right of way documents as necessary. You are reminded that if Federal participation is desired for the right of way and utility relocation phases, you must request and receive a separate "Authorization to Proceed" for right of way before advancing with the property appraisal and acquisition, or utility relocation work.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 510-286-5227 or Ken Nguyen at 510-622-5916.

Sincerely,

  
Chien S. Wu, P.E.  
Senior Transportation Engineer  
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Enclosure

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**  
**Flashing Yellow Arrow Signal Conversion**

**04-SON-0-SRO** **HSIPL-5028 (078)**  
 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 Santa Rosa proposes to retrofit 39 existing signalized intersections with flashing yellow arrow left turn signals in the City of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. The City will utilize existing infrastructure to install new signal head with flashing yellow left turn arrow. The configuration of the signal head will be changed from five to four indicators and the controller system hardware and software will be upgraded. Any repair or installation of new wiring will be accessed through existing conduits. (see continuation sheet for locations)*

**CEQA COMPLIANCE** (for State Projects only)

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the following statements are true and exceptions do not apply (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** (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**
- 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: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager

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).

**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)(27)**
- 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.

Thomas Holstein

Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Print Name: Project Manager/ DLA Engineer

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 07/14/17

Date of ECR or equivalent : None

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet. Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., CE checklist, additional studies and design conditions).



**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM**  
**Continuation Sheet**

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 Location of FY Signals

No.	N/S	E/W
1	Airway	Hopper
2	Petaluma Hill	Aston
3	Brookwood	Bennet Valley
4	Bennet Valley	Bethards
5	Yulupa	Bethards
6	Santa Rosa	Burt
7	Mendocino	Chanate/Administration
8	Petaluma Hill	Colgan
9	Clover	College
10	Calistoga	Dupont
11	Cleveland	Frances
12	Dowd	Hearn
13	Summerfield	Hoen
14	Old Redwood Highway	Kaiser Access
15	Petaluma Hill	Kawana Springs
16	E	Maple
17	Santa Rosa	Maple
18	Middle Rincon	Montecito
19	Farmers Lane	Montgomery
20	Yulupa	Montgomery
21	Hahman	Montgomery
22	Mariner	Northpoint
23	North	Pacific
24	Cleveland	Piner
25	Peterson	Piner
26	Mission	Quigg
27	Mendocino	Schurman
28	Dutton	Sebastopol
29	Brookwood	Sonoma
30	Farmers Lane	Sonoma
31	Hahman	Sonoma
32	Summerfield	Sonoma
33	Coffey	Steele
34	Bennet Valley	Tachevah
35	E	Bennet Valley
36*	Comstock/School	Steele
37*	Brookwood	Maple
38*	Link	College
39*	Yulupa	Sonoma
*Added		