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Mr. Brian Abbanat  
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03-City of Davis  
ATPSB1L 5238(068)  
Olive Drive/Pole Line Road  
Bike Connection Project

Dear Mr. Abbanat:

Enclosed is a copy of the completed Categorical Exclusion (CE) for the Olive Drive/Pole Line Road Bike Connection Project. Our evaluation was based on the information contained in the PES.

We agree with the determination of the PES including the conclusion that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion (CE) in accordance with the code of Federal Regulations Title 23, Section 771.112(c)(3). It is evident that no significant environmental impacts could occur as a result of this project. The City of Davis is responsible for ensuring that all required minimization measures are incorporated into the project design and included in the construction contract.

This completes the requirement for conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act and other federal environmentally-related processes. Questions may be directed to Thaleena Bhattal, Caltrans Environmental Coordinator, at (530) 741-4597.

Sincerely,

Laura Loeffler, Branch Chief,  
North Region, Division of Environmental  
Environmental Management, M-1 Branch

Enclosures

"Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability"
The City of Davis, in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), proposes to construct a bicycle and pedestrian bridge connecting the Olive Drive neighborhood to the two-way multi-use path on the Pole Line Road Overcrossing. Additional improvements are proposed at: Lillard Drive at Cowell Boulevard, Danbury Street, Danbury at Lillard Drive, Lillard Drive at Drummond Avenue, the path behind Montgomery Elementary School, and Erma Lane at the bike path.

Project description continues on next page.

**CAL TRANS 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. (PRI 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- [ ] Categorically Exempt. Class (PRI 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.

**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)

- [x] 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:
  - [x] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(3)
  - [ ] 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.

Laura Loeffler
Print Name: Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief

Angel Araiza
Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 11/26/19
Date of ECR or equivalent: N/A

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

The purpose of the project is to improve safety around Montgomery Elementary School and to better connect the Olive Drive neighborhood to the school and other destinations to the east.

Utilities and Right of Way

Utilities may require relocation in relation to the proposed Olive Drive/Pole Line Road Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge but would be relocated within existing City or Caltrans right of way. The relocation at the proposed bicycle/pedestrian structure may be required, including a fiber optic line and PG&E gas line. The City would work with utility companies, as necessary, for any utility relocation or adjustment.

The proposed project would be constructed entirely within existing City and Caltrans right of way. No additional right of way would be required.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

Hazardous Waste:

- Based on the project activities and the results of the site record investigation, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (Preliminary Site Investigation) shall be completed prior to final design.