

EXHIBIT 6-J PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING FOR NON-INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS PES(NI)

Federal Project No. _____

(Federal Program Prefix-Project No., Agreement No.)

To: _____
(District Local Assistance Engineer)

(District)

(Address)

(Email Address)

From: _____
(Local Agency)

(Project Manager's Name and Telephone No.)

(Address)

(Email Address)

Is this Project "ON" the State Highway System? Yes No

IF YES, STOP HERE and contact the District Local Assistance Engineer regarding the completion of other environmental documentation.

Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program _____

(FSTIP): <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/ofmp.htm>

(Current FSTIP Approval Date)

(Attach approved FSTIP listing)

Construction Programming For FSTIP _____ \$ _____
(Fiscal Year) (Dollars)

Detailed Project Description (Use Continuation Sheet if necessary):

SECTION A: Does project involve any of the following:

Check "Yes", "No" or "TBD" as appropriate. Use "TBD" when there is insufficient information in the project description to provide a definitive "Yes" or "No" response. List all "TBD" items on the PES(NI) Continuation sheet for further research.

Yes No TBD

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Any ground disturbing activities? (e.g., digging of post holes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Any infrastructure elements? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Installation of permanent data collection devices? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Installation or posting of signs? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Grading, clearing or grubbing of vegetation? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Electric vehicle charging station(s)? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Installation of fare boxes? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Pavement striping or painting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Installation of bike cages or racks? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Currently planned future construction? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11. Potential to generate public controversy? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12. Any planting of flowers or any plant species? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 13. Inconsistency with any plans and goals adopted by the community? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 14. Part of a larger project? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 15. Activity or action occurring within a Historic District? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 16. Establishment of temporary parking facility? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 17. Temporally reducing available parking? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 18. Temporally encroaching on state or federal lands? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 19. Temporally encroaching on tribal lands? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 20. Use of a publicly owned public park? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 21. Potential to affect access to properties or roadways? (outdoor event, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 22. Potential to disrupt neighborhoods/communities? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 23. Potential to disproportionately affect low-income and minority populations? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 24. Development of Plans that involve major decisions that would lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 25. Creation of Programs that involve major decisions that lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 26. Conducting planning and research that involve major decisions that lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 27. Implementation of maintenance plans and projects? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 28. Creation of regional bike and trail maps? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 29. Historic and scenic site acquisition? |

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 326 Categorical Exclusion (CE). 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 327 CE

Yes No *(Use only if project does not qualify as a 326 CE)*

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 April 25, 2016*
- Cultural Resources:** Project is one of the types covered by the *Undertakings exempt from further review memo, dated April 15, 2016.*
- 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.)

Distribution: 1) Original - DLAE, 2) Copy - Local Agency Project Manager, 3) Copy - Senior Environmental Planner (or designee) for project file.