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## **MEMORANDUM**

### **Environmental Division**

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**To:** 61105 File  
**FHWA No.** DE-0025-(344)  
**From:** Christopher Young, Chief, Environmental Services Program  
**Subject:** Programmatic Categorical Exclusion and Checklist

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This action does not induce significant impacts to planned growth or land use for the area; does not require the relocation of significant numbers of people; does not have a significant impact on any natural, cultural, recreational, historic or other resources; does not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts; does not have significant impacts on travel patterns; or does not otherwise, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impacts.

This project qualifies as a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion (PCE) under the Programmatic Agreement (PA) completed between the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), effective February 15, 2022. Further approval by FHWA is not required. Information and documentation are preserved in the project administrative record.

#### **Project Location**

East William Street, in Carson City, from Carson Street to the I-580 Interchange

#### **Project Description**

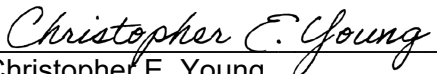
Pavement rehabilitation, access management infrastructure to improve safety and circulation, enhanced street lighting, a signalized pedestrian crossing, bus stop amenities, EV charging stations, new sidewalks, traffic signal upgrades, bike facilities, L&A, undergrounding utilities, upgrades to water, sewer, and storm water facilities.

Map in project E-file

Programmatic Categorical Exclusion Checklist 23 CFR 771.117		
<b>Section I. THRESHOLD QUESTION</b>		
Does the project involve unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR §771.117(b)?		No
<i>If YES, FHWA shall be consulted. The project may not qualify as a Categorical Exclusion and environmental studies may be needed to determine the proper classification.</i>		
<b>If NO, continue to Section II.</b>		
<b>Section II. PROGRAMMATIC CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (PCE)</b>		
The project action is listed in 23 CFR 771.117 (c)		3, 15, 26
The project action is listed in 23 CFR 771.117 (d)		N/A
The project action is listed in 23 CFR 771.117 (e)		N/A
Does the project contain actions described in paragraphs (c)(26), (c)(27), (c)(28) that meet paragraph (e) of this section? If yes, coordinate a FACE with FHWA.		No
Does the project exceed the thresholds outlined in the current Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Nevada Department of Transportation?		No
<b>Section III. CE PA THRESHOLD CRITERIA Section IV(A)(1)(b)</b>		
i.	Involves acquisitions of more than a minor amount of right-of-way. Acquisition of right-of-way shall be examined in the context and intensity of the project and setting. It may be that amount right-of-way that may produce an adverse effect or other non-desirable result in comparison to the project.	No
ii.	Involves acquisitions that result in any residential or non-residential displacements.	No
iii.	Results in capacity expansion of a roadway by the addition of through lanes.	No
iv.	Involves the construction of temporary access, or the closure of existing road, bridge, or ramps, that would result in major traffic disruptions as defined in the CE PA	No
v.	Involves changes in access control that adversely affect traffic patterns as defined in the CE PA.	No
vi.	Results in a determination of adverse effect on historic properties pursuant to Section 106 the National Historic Preservation Act.	No
vii.	Requires the use of properties protected by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 303) that cannot be documented with an FHWA <i>de minimis</i> determination, or a programmatic Section 4(f) evaluation other than the programmatic evaluation for the use of historic bridges.	No
viii.	Requires the acquisition of lands under the protection of Section 6(f) as described in the CE PA.	No
ix.	Requires a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit other than a Nationwide Permit or a General Permit.	No

x.	Requires a U.S. Coast Guard bridge permit.	No
xi.	Requires work encroaching on a regulatory floodway or work affecting the base floodplain (100-year flood) elevations of a water course or lake, pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and 23 CFR §650 subpart A.	No
xii.	Requires construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a component of, or proposed for inclusion in, the National System of Wild and Scenic Rivers published by the U.S. Department of the Interior/U.S. Department of Agriculture.	No
xiii.	Is defined as a "Type I project" per 23 CFR 772.5	No
xiv.	May adversely affect federally listed or candidate species, or proposed or designated critical habitat or projects with impacts subject to the conditions of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (Excluding Mojave desert tortoise which is addressed in the 2022 USFWS Programmatic Biological Opinion and its appended actions)	No
xv.	Involves properties with recognized environmental conditions (REC), previous land uses with potential for such, or potential for such to remain in the right-of-way.	No
xvi.	Has an adverse effect on minority and/or low-income populations.	No
xvii.	Includes acquisition of land for hardship or protective purposes, or early acquisition pursuant to Federal acquisition project [23 U.S.C. 108(d)]	No
xviii.	Does not conform to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) which is approved or promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in air quality non-attainment areas.	No
xix.	Is not included in or is inconsistent with the statewide transportation improvement program (STIP), and in applicable urbanized areas, the transportation improvement program (TIP)	No
This project has been reviewed, qualifies as a PCE, and does not exceed the thresholds outlined in the current Programmatic Agreement between the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) that would necessitate issuing a Categorical Exclusion for FHWA approval (FACE).		

Approved

  
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