

NEPA/CEQA RE-VALIDATION FORM

DIST./CO./RTE.	04/NAP/00 NCTPA
PM/PM	
E.A. or Fed-Aid Project No.	CML 6429 (008)
Other Project No. (specify)	
PROJECT TITLE	Napa Valley Vine Trail, Design and Construction of Individual Segments
ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVAL TYPE	CE under 23 CFR 771.117 (c)(3)
DATE APPROVED	06/30/14
REASON FOR CONSULTATION (23 CFR 771.129)	<i>Check reason for consultation:</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Project proceeding to next major federal approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change in scope, setting, effects, mitigation measures, requirements <input type="checkbox"/> 3-year timeline (EIS only) <input type="checkbox"/> NA (Re-Validation for CEQA only)
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGED CONDITIONS	<i>Briefly describe the changed conditions or new information on page 2. Append continuation sheet(s) as necessary. Include a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) when applicable.</i>

NEPA CONCLUSION - VALIDITY

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information: [Check ONE of the three statements below, regarding the validity of the original document/determination (23 CFR 771.129). If document is no longer valid, indicate whether additional public review is warranted and whether the type of environmental document will be elevated.]

- The original environmental document or CE remains valid. No further documentation will be prepared.
- The original environmental document or CE is in need of updating; further documentation has been prepared and is included on the continuation sheet(s) or is attached. With this additional documentation, the original ED or CE remains valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes No
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- The original document or CE is no longer valid.
- Additional public review is warranted (23 CFR 771.111(h)(3)) Yes No
- Supplemental environmental document is needed. Yes No
- New environmental document is needed. Yes No (If "Yes," specify type: _____)

CONCURRENCE WITH NEPA CONCLUSION

I concur with the NEPA conclusion above.

B. Deural
 Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

8/19/14
 Date

J J
 Signature: Project Manager/DLAE

8/19/14
 Date

CEQA CONCLUSION : (Only mandated for projects on the State Highway System.)

Based on an examination of the changed conditions and supporting information, the following conclusion has been reached regarding appropriate CEQA documentation: (Check ONE of the five statements below, indicating whether any additional documentation will be prepared, and if so, what kind. If additional documentation is prepared, attach a copy of this signed form and any continuation sheets.)

- Original document remains valid. No further documentation is necessary.
- Only minor technical changes or additions to the previous document are necessary. An addendum has been or will be prepared and is included on the continuation sheets or will be attached. It need not be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15164)
- Changes are substantial, but only minor additions or changes are necessary to make the previous document adequate. A Supplemental environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15163)
- Changes are substantial, and major revisions to the current document are necessary. A Subsequent environmental document will be prepared, and it will be circulated for public review. (CEQA Guidelines, §15162) (Specify type of subsequent document, e.g., Subsequent FEIR:)
- The CE is no longer valid. New CE is needed. Yes No

CONCURRENCE WITH CEQA CONCLUSION

I concur with the CEQA conclusion above.

Signature: Environmental Branch Chief

Date

Signature: Project Manager

Date

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CONTINUATION SHEET(S)

Address only substantial changes or substantial new information since approval of the original document and only those areas that are applicable. Use the list below as section headings as they apply to the project change(s). Use as much or as little space as needed to adequately address the project change(s) and the associated impacts, minimization, avoidance and/or mitigation measures, if any.

Changes in project design, e.g., substantial scope change; a new alternative; change in project alignment

Expected temporary change in project alignment as more time is needed to secure right of way. The proposed CL I alignment will be altered to an existing CI II facility on Solano Avenue which is approximately 40 feet westerly of the original CL I alignment. The alternate route leaves the CL I alignment from the north side of Trower Avenue and returns to the CL I alignment on the north side of Salvador Avenue. Pedestrian and bicycle signage will be installed for safety and directional purposes per current CAMUTCD standards. As part of the project and under an existing Caltrans encroachment permit application, modifications will be made for ped and bike to the existing traffic signal at Trower Avenue at Solano Avenue, and the permit also covers the installation of a new traffic signal with ped and bike improvements at Salvador Avenue at Solano Avenue. There are no other changes in scope. Schematic is included.

Changes in environmental setting, e.g., new development affecting traffic or air quality;

There is no change.

Changes in environmental circumstances, e.g., a new law or regulation; change in the status of a listed species.

There is no change.

Changes to environmental impacts of the project, e.g., a new type of impact, or a change in the magnitude of an existing impact.

There is no change.

Changes to avoidance, minimization, and/or mitigation measures since the environmental document was approved.

There is no change.

Changes to environmental commitments since the environmental document was approved, e.g., the addition of new conditions in permits or approvals. When this applies, append a revised Environmental Commitments Record (ECR) as one of the Continuation Sheets.

There is no change


Signature

08/11/14
Date

Herb Fredricksen, PE
Printed Name

Napa Valley Vine Trail,
CML 6429(008)
Alternative Alignment



Meyer, Donna@DOT

From: Zogg, Maureen@DOT
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 10:50 AM
To: Meyer, Donna@DOT
Cc: Deunert, Boris@DOT
Subject: Re: CML 6429 (008) Napa Valley Vine Trail revalidation

Donna,

The temporary change in project alignment, due to added time needed to secure right-of-way, will not pose an additional threat to cultural resources and the screening memo of May 20, 2013 is still valid.

Thanks,
Maureen

Maureen Zogg, Associate Environmental Planner—Archaeology
Office of Local Assistance, Caltrans District 4
510-622-8767

Meyer, Donna@DOT

From: Fredricksen, Herb [HFredricksen@nctpa.net]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 1:00 PM
To: Meyer, Donna@DOT
Cc: Jeremy Sill; Ian Heid
Subject: RE: CML 6429 (008): Napa Vine Trail Revalidation

Hi Donna,

We have an active encroachment permit with Caltrans to make improvements to the existing Trower/Solano signal and also install new signals at Wine Country/Solano and Salvador/Solano. W-Trans is our traffic engineering consultant. The permit is due to anticipated additional ped/bike activity from the project. Due to proximity to SR29 the signals work together for traffic movements. I don't expect any significant negative impact to traffic movement. But we are expecting a positive impact for safety because the two intersections where new signal are going in have relatively high accident rates and the City is happy that the project will be installing them. At Trower there currently is ped activation but no bike detection and peds only have two legs of the intersection for crossing. So we expect an insignificant impact to traffic movement and a substantial positive impact for safety.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thank you
Herb

Herb Fredricksen, P.E.



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From: Meyer, Donna@DOT [<mailto:donna.meyer@dot.ca.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Fredricksen, Herb
Subject: CML 6429 (008): Napa Vine Trail Revalidation

Hi Herb,

I am working on the revalidation for your proposed project. I need to know what potential impacts, if any may occur, to traffic pattern or flow at Trower and Solano with modifications to the existing signal.

Thanks,
Donna

Donna M. Meyer, CEM/HPS
Associate Environmental Planner

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Napa Valley Vine Trail

Diana C. Meehan
Assistant Program Planner/Administrator
Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency
625 Burnell St, Napa CA 94559

Dear Ms. Meehan:

This will confirm that your environmental documents have been reviewed and approved in conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Copies of the signed documents are 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 510-622-5929 or xi.zhang@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Xi Zhang, P.E.
Sr. Transportation Engineer
Office of Local Assistance

Enclosure

**CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION/CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FORM
NAPA VALLEY VINE TRAIL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
OAK KNOLL DISTRICT SEGMENT**

04-NAP-0-NCTPA **CML-6429 (008)**
 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 proposed Oak Knoll District Segment, a part of the Napa Valley Vine Trail, involves the design and construction of a 6-mile Class I bicycle/pedestrian path within the public right-of-way from the southerly end south of Redwood Road in the City of Napa to the Town of Yountville. The project footprint consists of a 10-foot wide asphalt concrete paved path and 2-foot wide shoulders. Three prefabricated truss bridges will be constructed spanning two manmade drainage channels and Dry Creek. Associated work will include the installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, stop signs, fencing, pavement marking, and pile driving. The majority of the work will not extend beyond a depth of one and a half feet however piles will be driven to a depth of 30 feet.

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)

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).

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 environmental assessment or environmental impact statement 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 June 07, 2013, 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) (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 CE under 23 USC 327.

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Print Name: Environmental Branch Chief _____

Chien S. Wu

Print Name: Project Manager/DLA Engineer _____

B. Deunert

6/30/14

[Signature]

6/30/14

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 6/27/14

Date of ECR or equivalent: 6/27/14

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

Local Assistance NEPA Permits & Environmental Commitment Record

June 27, 2014

Project Name
Federal Aid Number
Project Description

Oak Knoll District Segment – Napa Valley Vine Trail

CML-6429 (008)

Project Description

Design and Construction of a 6-mile Class 1 Bicycle/pedestrian asphalt concrete path in the public right-of-way from the southerly end south of Redwood Road, City of Napa to the Town of Yountville. Project footprint consists of 10 foot wide path and 2 foot shoulders. Three prefabricated truss bridges will be constructed spanning two manmade channels and Dry Creek. Additional work includes installation of ADA-compliant curb ramps, stop signs, fencing, pavement markings, and pile driving. The majority of excavation will be to a depth of one and a half feet except for the piles which will be driven to a depth of 30 feet.

Name of Local Agency
Local Agency Contact and Phone

Napa County Transportation & Planning Agency (NCTPA)
 Herb Fredricksen,
 (707) 259-5951

PERMITS REQUIRED	DATE OF PERMIT	DATE RECEIVED BY CALTRANS
NWP #14 – Linear Transportation		
Section 401 Water Quality Certification		
Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement		

CALTRANS SITE VISIT - DATE	PERSONNEL

NOTE: This following table is intended as a summary guide to environmental commitments. It does not replace or supercede any environmental commitments made in technical studies or correspondence prior to NEPA clearance. If there are any discrepancies between this table and technical studies/correspondence then the technical studies/correspondence take precedence

Task and Brief Description	Document	Page	Timing/Phase	Specific Action(s) Taken to Comply with Task	Local Agency Certification of Task Completion		Remarks
					Initial	Date	
Biological Commitments							
Construction activities associated with widening the existing Solano Avenue bridge over Dry Creek shall be limited to the non-migratory	NES	79	Construction				

Task and Brief Description	Document	Page	Timing/ Phase	Specific Action(s) Taken to Comply with Task	Local Agency Certification of Task Completion		Remarks
					Initial	Date	
period for Central California Coast Steelhead.							
The use of netting to exclude cliff swallows from nesting under Solano Avenue bridge or within the Hoffman Lane box culvert is prohibited.	NES	93	Construction				
On the first day of work involving the widening of the existing bridge over Dry Creek and/or grading within 100 feet of the Hoffman Lane box culvert, a qualified biologist familiar with cliff swallow nesting ecology shall monitor the nesting colony and adjacent work activities for a minimum of three hours to ensure that nesting cliff swallows are able to access the underside of the bridge. Monitoring shall begin at least 15 minutes before construction begins. Daily monitoring shall occur for the first three days of construction adjacent to either cliff swallow nesting colony. If no significant disturbance affecting cliff swallows' ability to tend nesting sites is observed during this initial monitoring period, it will be assumed that construction activities are not impacting nesting activity and no further monitoring shall be required.	NES	94	Construction				
If the biologist observes behavior suggesting that construction noise and/or equipment is adversely affecting cliff swallows' ability to fly into or out of the nesting colony, all work within 100 feet of the nesting colony shall cease until the biologist has determined that all nesting attempts have been completed.	NES	94	Construction				