



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

**Project Information**

**DIST-CO-RTE:** Imperial County Transportation Commission **PM/PM:** N/A

**EA:**N/A **Federal-Aid Project Number:** CML-6471(014)

The Imperial County Transportation Commission proposes to construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center in the City of Calexico. Proposed activities include installation of wet and dry utilities, drainage control, landscaping and irrigation, pedestrian access areas, lighting, curb and gutter, ADA-compliant services, sidewalk and curb ramp improvements, crosswalks, pedestrian shelters, benches, and other amenities.

**Caltrans CEQA Determination**

- ☒ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency  
☐ **Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- ☐ **Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)  
☐ **Categorically Exempt. Class** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)  
    ☐ No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.  
☐ **Covered by the Common Sense 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 (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

N/A

Print Name

N/A

Signature

N/A

Date

**Project Manager**

N/A

Print Name

N/A

Signature

N/A

Date



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**Caltrans NEPA Determination**

Caltrans 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). See [SER Chapter 30](#) for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

☒ **23 USC 326:** Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

☐ **23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c)(1)**

☒ **23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)(10)**

☐ **Activity listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans**

☐ **23 USC 327:** Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans 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.

**Senior Environmental Planner or Environmental Branch Chief**

Kevin Hovey

Print Name

Signature 

6/28/21  
Date

**Project Manager/ DLA Engineer**

Bryan Ott

Print Name

Signature 

6/28/2021  
Date

**Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent:** 6/28/2021

Briefly list environmental commitments on continuation sheet if needed (i.e., not necessary if included on an attached ECR). Reference additional information, as appropriate (e.g., additional studies and design conditions).



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**Continuation sheet:**

No environmental commitments are required for this project.



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**Federal Transit  
Administration**

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April 4, 2022

Mr. David Aguirre  
Interim Executive Director  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
1503 N. Imperial Avenue, Suite 104  
El Centro, CA 92243

Re: Request for FTA Adoption of Categorical  
Exclusion for Callexico Intermodal Transit  
Center

Dear Mr. Aguirre:

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has completed its review of the environmental documentation prepared for the Callexico Intermodal Transit Center (Project). Under the assignment of duties pursuant to 23 USC § 326 and the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Concerning the State Of California's Participation in the Surface Transportation Project Delivery Program Pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327*, dated April 18, 2019, Caltrans found that this Project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by the National Environmental Policy Act and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR § 771.117(b). The FTA concurs with and adopts the determination by Caltrans, issued on June 28, 2021, that this project qualifies as a categorical exclusion (CE) under 23 CFR § 771.117(d)(10):

*(10) Construction of bus transfer facilities (an open area consisting of passenger shelters, boarding areas, kiosks and related street improvements when located in a commercial area or other high activity center in which there is adequate street capacity for projected bus traffic. ”*

Under 23 CFR §771.118(e), the Cross-Agency Use of Modal Categorical Exclusions allows for any action qualifying as a CE under § 771.116 or § 771.117 may be approved by the FTA when the applicable requirements of those sections have been met. Furthermore, 40 CFR §1506.3 states that an agency may adopt a Federal draft or final environmental impact statement, environmental assessment, or portion thereof, or categorical exclusion determination provided that the statement, assessment, portion thereof, or determination meets the standards for an adequate statement, assessment, or determination. Per 40 CFR §1506.3(d), an agency may adopt another agency's determination that a categorical exclusion applies to a proposed action if the action covered by the original categorical exclusion determination and the adopting agency's proposed action are substantially the same.

The action covered by the Caltrans CE and the proposed project are substantially the same. The historic properties studies for this Project were carried out in a manner consistent with Caltrans' regulatory responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR Part 800) and the January 2014 *First Amended Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act* (Section 106 PA). The studies also complied with Public Resources Code 5024 and the January 2015 *Memorandum of Understanding Between the California Department of Transportation and the California State Historic Preservation Office Regarding Compliance with Public Resources Code Section 5024 and Governor's Executive Order W-26-92* (5024 MOU), as applicable. In May 2021, Caltrans, pursuant to the Section 106 PA Stipulation IX.A and as applicable 5024 MOU Stipulation IX.A.2, has determined a Finding of No Historic Properties Affected is appropriate for the undertaking because there are no historic properties within the APE. After review, FTA has also determined that no historic properties are affected under 36 CFR § 800.11(d)).

The Project is located in an urban area with no sensitive biological resources, critical habitat, navigable waters or waters of the U.S., scenic resources, or historic properties. This FTA review, which is based on past experience with similar projects, finds that the project: does not induce significant environmental 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 natural, cultural, recreational, historical or other resource; does not involve significant air, noise, or water quality impacts; is exempt from Clean Air Act transportation conformity requirements under 40 CFR § 93.126; does not have significant impacts on travel patterns; does not result in any use of historic or other resources within the meaning of the Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, 49 USC § 303; and does not otherwise, either individually or cumulatively, have any significant environmental impact.

If you have any questions about this review, please contact Rusty Whisman, Transportation Program Specialist, at 213-202-3956, or via email at [rusty.whisman@dot.gov](mailto:rusty.whisman@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

BERNARDO O  
BUSTAMANTE

Ray Tellis  
Regional Administrator

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*Victoria Camarillo*

File#: 13-2021-054



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## Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Imperial County

940 West Main St. Suite 102

El Centro, CA 92243

From: (Public Agency): Imperial County Transportation  
Commission 1503 N. Imperial Ave. Suite 104  
El Centro, CA 92243

(Address)

FILE # B-2021-054  
IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Project Title: Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center

JUN 16 2021

Project Applicant: Imperial County Transportation Commission

Chuck Storey - County Clerk  
By: [Signature] Deputy

Project Location - Specific:

3rd Street Between Rockwood Ave. and Heffernan Ave. in Calexico, CA

Project Location - City: Calexico Project Location - County: Imperial County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Imperial County Transportation Commission (ICTC) proposes to construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (CITC) in the downtown area of the City of Calexico. This project is needed to provide a centralized hub for a variety of transportation modes and to reduce individual vehicle and bus trips within Calexico.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Transportation Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Imperial County Transportation Commission

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 32, Section 15332, Article 19 CCR
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is characterized as in-fill development consistent with the applicable general plan designation and policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mark Baza Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (760) 592-4494

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Signature: [Signature] Date: 6-16-21 Title: Executive Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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JUN 16 2021

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## **RECORD OF FINDINGS**

DATE: June 16, 2021  
TO: File  
FROM: Virginia Mendoza  
Imperial County Transportation Commission  
SUBJECT: Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of the project is to construct the Calexico Intermodal Transportation Center (CITC) in the downtown area of the City of Calexico to provide a centralized hub for a variety of transportation modes and to reduce individual vehicle and bus trips within Calexico. The Project is located on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Rockwood Avenue and Heffernan Avenue in the City of Calexico.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15332, Article 19 of the California Code of Regulations that states:

*"Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in this section.*

- (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations.*
- (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses.*
- (c) The project site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare, or threatened species.*
- (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality.*
- (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.*

### **LIMITATION OF FINDINGS**

The findings contained in this memorandum are intended to support issuance of a Categorical Exemption for the activities described above only. There are no additional activities planned in conjunction with this project. Any additional activities undertaken in conjunction with this project will be subjected to separate environmental analysis and determination.

### **DISPOSITION**

This Record of Findings has been placed in ICTC files.

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2021 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/21) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:

**13-2021-054**

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY <b>IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION</b>	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE <b>06/16/2021</b>
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING <b>IMPERIAL COUNTY</b>	DOCUMENT NUMBER <b>13-2021-054</b>	
PROJECT TITLE <b>CALEXICO INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER</b>		

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME <b>IMPERIAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION</b>	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER <b>(760) 592-4494</b>
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS <b>1503 N IMPERIAL AVE SUITE 104</b>	CITY <b>EL CENTRO</b>	STATE <b>CA</b>
		ZIP CODE <b>92243</b>

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency    ☐ School District    ☐ Other Special District    ☐ State Agency    ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,445.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,480.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,171.25	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

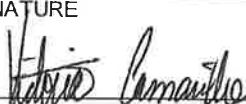
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$62.00	\$	62.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☒ Check    ☐ Other **CHK NO 651302**

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ **62.00**

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE <b>Victoria Camarillo Deputy Clerk</b>
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