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| **EXHIBIT 6-J Preliminary Environmental Screening for Non-Infrastructure Projects PES(NI)**

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| **Federal Project No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **(***(Federal Program Prefix-Project No., Agreement No.)* |

**To: From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***(District Local Assistance Engineer) (Local Agency)* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(District) (Project Manager’s Name and Telephone No.)* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(Address) (Address)* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** *(Email Address) (Email Address)***Is this Project “ON” the** [ ]  Yes **IF YES, STOP HERE** and contact the District Local Assistance Engineer**State Highway System?** [ ]  No regarding the completion of other environmental documentation.**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****(FSTIP***):* <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/transprog/oftmp.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**  |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  1. Any ground disturbing activities? (e.g., digging of post holes)  |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  2. Any infrastructure elements?  |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  3. Installation of permanent data collection devices? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  4. Installation or posting of signs? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  5. Grading, clearing or grubbing of vegetation?  |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  6. Electric vehicle charging station(s)? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  7. Installation of fare boxes? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  8. Pavement striping or painting? [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  9. Installation of bike cages or racks?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  10. Currently planned future construction? [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  11. Potential to generate public controversy?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  12. Any planting of flowers or any plant species?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  13. Inconsistency with any plans and goals adopted by the community?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  14. Part of a larger project?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  15. Activity or action occurring within a Historic District? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  16. Establishment of temporary parking facility? *(outdoor event, etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  17. Temporally reducing available parking? *(outdoor event , etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  18. Temporally encroaching on state or federal lands? *(outdoor event, etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  19. Temporally encroaching on tribal lands? *(outdoor event , etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  20. Use of a publicly owned public park? *(outdoor event, etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  21. Potential to affect access to properties or roadways? *(outdoor event, etc.)*[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  22. Potential to disrupt neighborhoods/communities?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  23. Potential to disproportionately affect low-income and minority populations? |
| [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  24. Development of Plans that involve major decisions that would lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance? [ ]  [ ]  [ ]  25. Creation of Programs that involve major decisions that lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  26. Conducting planning and research that involve major decisions that lead to irretrievable commitment of resources, present or future construction, or ground disturbance?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  27. Implementation of maintenance plans and projects?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  28. Creation of regional bike and trail maps?[ ]  [ ]  [ ]  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.

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| *(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.

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| *(Signature of Senior Environmental Planner or Designee)* |  | *(Date)* |  | *(Telephone No.)* |
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| *(Signature of District Local Assistance Engineer or Designee)* |  | *(Date)* |  | *(Telephone No.)* |
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**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.