

POSITION DUTY STATEMENT

DOT PM-0924 (REV 01/2025)

CLASSIFICATION TITLE CT Equipment Operator I	OFFICE/BRANCH/SECTION District 12/Maintenance/Field Maintenance	
WORKING TITLE Caltrans Equipment Operator I	POSITION NUMBER 912-681-6890-050	REVISION DATE 06/30/2026

As a valued member of the Caltrans team, you make it possible to improve lives and communities through transportation.

GENERAL STATEMENT:

Under the direction of a Caltrans Maintenance Supervisor or guidance of a Caltrans Highway Maintenance Leadworker, the Caltrans Equipment Operator I operates, maintains, and repairs various maintenance and landscape equipment; performs general laboring tasks associated with the landscape of the State Highway System. The incumbent may be required to work overtime, work irregular shifts/alternate work schedules including nights, holidays, and weekends; may be required to work temporary and/or intermittent varied work shifts and required to respond to emergency situations and calls. May be loaned to other cost centers. This position is represented under collective bargaining. This classification requires a valid and unrestricted class B driver's license with tanker (N) endorsement and a current medical certificate. Duties included but are not limited to:

CORE COMPETENCIES:

As a CT Equipment Operator I, the incumbent is expected to become proficient in the following competencies as described below in order to successfully perform the essential functions of the job, while adhering to and promoting the Department's Mission, Vision, Values, Strategic Imperatives and Goals. Effective development of the identified Core Competencies fosters the advancement of the following Leadership Competencies: Change Commitment, Risk Appetite, Self-Development/Growth, Conflict Management, Relationship Building, Organizational Awareness, Communication, Strategic Perspective, and Results Driven.

- **Creativity and Innovation:** Thinks beyond the confines of traditional models to recognize opportunities, seek creative solutions and take intelligent risks. (Prosperity - Innovation, Stewardship)
- **Dealing with Ambiguity (Risk):** Can comfortably handle risk and uncertainty, as well as make decisions to act without having the total picture. (Safety - Collaboration, Innovation)
- **Reliability:** Ability to demonstrate dependability in meeting commitments, and providing a consistent work product. Takes responsibility for individual actions in order to meet deadline demands. (Employee Excellence - Collaboration, Integrity)
- **Problem-solving and Decision-making :** Identifies problems and uses logical analysis to find information, understand causes, and evaluate and select or recommend best possible courses of action. (Prosperity - Collaboration, Innovation, Stewardship)
- **Teamwork/Partnership:** Develops, maintains, and strengthens partnerships with others inside or outside of the organization through effective communication and collaboration. (Climate Action, Employee Excellence - Collaboration, Equity)
- **Organizational Awareness:** Contributes to the organization by understanding and aligning actions with the organization's strategic plan, including the mission, vision, goals, core functions, and values. (Employee Excellence - Collaboration)
- **Communication:** Expresses oneself clearly in all forms of communication. Gives feedback and is receptive to feedback received. Knows that listening is essential. Keeps others in the Division and other functional units informed as appropriate. (Employee Excellence - Collaboration, Pride)
- **Planning and Results Oriented:** Organizes and executes work to meet organizational goals and objectives while meeting quality standards, following organizational processes, and demonstrating continuous commitment. (Employee Excellence - Collaboration, Pride)
- **Commitment/Results Oriented:** Dedicated to public service and strives for excellence and customer satisfaction. Ensures results in their organization. (Equity, Climate Action - Collaboration, Integrity)

TYPICAL DUTIES:

Percentage Essential (E)/Marginal (M) ¹	Job Description
40% E	Incumbent operates various vehicles requiring a class B commercial drivers' license with tank vehicle. Also operates specified equipment used in highway maintenance, structures maintenance, emergency service, landscape, or construction. Operator shall follow prescribed methods of equipment as instructed by Maintenance Equipment Training Academy (META) and their supervisor. Operator shall use the Pre-op and Post-op checklist for reporting any signs of problems to their supervisor. Service and make minor repairs on equipment as instructed by META. Must be able to operate automatic and manual transmissions.

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40%	E	When not operating the specified equipment, may perform any of the duties outlined under Caltrans Highway Maintenance Worker, Caltrans Landscape Maintenance Worker and other related work. Operates manual/power hand tools and performs manual labor tasks. Expected to remove debris from highway and assist in cleaning up highway spills.
15%	E	Uses and maintains proper traffic control devices and assists with closing of on ramps, and traffic lanes. Operates "pilot-car"; flagging duties and other traffic control procedures. Operates two-way radios.
5%	M	Prepares reports and other paperwork as necessary.

¹ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS are the core duties of the position that cannot be reassigned.
MARGINAL FUNCTIONS are the minor tasks of the position that can be assigned to others.

SUPERVISION OR GUIDANCE EXERCISED OVER OTHERS

On occasion may give functional guidance to a crew consisting of Caltrans Highway Maintenance Workers.

KNOWLEDGE, ABILITIES, AND ANALYTICAL REQUIREMENTS

Possession of a valid class B driver's license with tank vehicle. Must be able to operate automatic and manual transmission. Knowledge: Operation and care of automotive equipment including: light trucks; minor construction equipment, repair and maintenance of equipment; basic safe work practices to protect their own safety and health of others; provisions of the California Vehicle Code applying to the operation of vehicles; regulations and safety practices pertaining to highway emergencies; fire suppression techniques; emergency first aid; familiarization with various highway, structure, emergency service, or landscape maintenance and construction equipment including operation, servicing, minor adjustment and emergency repairs to such equipment; the safety and health policies and procedures contained in the Department's Injury and Illness Prevention Program. Must possess a knowledge of statewide Maintenance functions and the mission, goals, organization and procedures of the Department of Transportation.

Ability & Analytical: Must be able to use, operate and care for various manual and power tools. Communicate and follow both oral and written directions at a level required for successful job performance; do manual labor; assist in work relating to the maintenance of highway, structure and landscaped areas; keep records. This employee must have the ability to modify and change work methods to solve various problems encountered in daily operations and emergency situations.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DECISIONS AND CONSEQUENCES OF ERROR

Judgment is exercised in making decisions relative to the safe operation of vehicles and equipment. Poor decisions could result in the failure to properly service, maintain and/or operate equipment and cause excessive repair costs, loss of equipment and negatively impact work production. Negligence could also cause physical harm to the operator and or crew members and/or traveling public.

PUBLIC AND INTERNAL CONTACTS

Occasional contact with the traveling public; contact with State Highway Patrol and other law enforcement agencies; internal contact with crew members and supervisors.

PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Physical: The incumbent will be required to do heavy manual labor including moving/placing heavy objects by lifting, pulling, pushing and carrying; as well as power grasping, squatting, stooping, kneeling, bending, twisting, reaching, climbing, walking on uneven/unstable ground; working in confined spaces; and standing or sitting for prolonged periods. May be required to sit in/on and drive or operate maintenance and landscape vehicles. The incumbent will be required to wear earplugs for loud noises; wear respirators and appropriate safety gear at all times. The incumbent will be required to clean up in the event of vehicle accidents, hazardous spills or general trash and debris. The incumbent must be able to hear and see, with or without corrective assistance, at a satisfactory level to ensure the safety of the employee and others. This position is a drug sensitive class. The incumbent will be required to pass a preemployment drug test and subject to reasonable suspicion testing during appointment. Incumbent will be required to take random drug tests throughout appointment.

Mental & Emotional: Must have the ability to develop and maintain cooperative working relationships; respond appropriately to difficult situations; recognize emotionally charged issues or problems; and cope with and respond to emergency situations such as traffic/weather conditions and other natural disasters. Will be required to deal tactfully and courteously with public and crew under stressful and possibly adverse conditions. Must be able to focus on precise work beyond the distractions of traffic, be emotionally stable, alert and aware at all times. Reason logically, draws valid conclusions, makes appropriate recommendations, and adopt an effective course of action. May need to determine amounts of materials and length of time to accomplish a job. This position is responsible for working cooperatively with team members and supervisors to identify innovations that will increase

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productivity, reduce cost and maintain or improve quality. This position must adhere to the customer service standards set by their unit and provide high quality service to both internal and external customers.

WORK ENVIRONMENT

The employee will be based at a Maintenance Station in a climate-controlled environment under artificial lights, but most of the duties and time will be spent outdoors operating equipment and/or performing manual labor. Weather conditions vary from a cold, windy and wet winter climate to a very hot and dry summer climate. May be exposed to dirt, dust, fumes, hot materials, chemicals, loud noises, inclement weather, steep uneven and/or unstable terrain, fast moving traffic, and/or extreme temperatures. May be required to sit or stand for long periods of time. May be exposed/put in stressful situations. Will be required to wear long pants and appropriate footwear in good condition, and must wear provided Personal Protective Safety Equipment including but not limited to: shirts and/or vests, hard hats, safety glasses, gloves, face shields, respirators, ear plugs, as well as other safety devices deemed necessary. The incumbent will be required to travel extensively throughout the assigned area and may be required to travel and work in other areas in the District.

I have read, understand and can perform the duties listed above. (If you believe you may require reasonable accommodation, please discuss this with your hiring supervisor. If you are unsure whether you require reasonable accommodation, inform the hiring supervisor who will discuss your concerns with the Reasonable Accommodation Coordinator.)

I agree that by providing my electronic signature for this form, I agree to conduct business transactions by electronic means and that my electronic signature is the legal binding equivalent to my handwritten signature. I hereby agree that my electronic signature represents my execution or authentication of this form, and my intent to be bound by it.

EMPLOYEE (Print)

EMPLOYEE (Signature)	DATE
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I have discussed the duties with, and provided a copy of this duty statement to the employee named above.

SUPERVISOR (Print)

SUPERVISOR (Signature)	DATE
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