

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

FROM: City of Fresno, Planning & Development Department  
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**Project Title:** Environmental Assessment Application No. P19-03643

**Project Location:** Fifty-two intersections located along 13.5 miles of the North Blackstone Avenue/North Abby Street and East Kings Canyon Road/Ventura Street Bus Rapid Transit corridors (See Project Location Map).

**Project Location-City:** City of Fresno

**Project Location-County:** County of Fresno

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The proposed project includes upgrades to the pedestrian countdown signals at all 52 intersections, and upgrades to the accessible pedestrian push buttons at 49 of the 52 intersections to provide for improved travel paths and longer travel times for pedestrians.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:**

City of Fresno, Department of Public Works  
C/O Steve Delsid, Professional Engineer  
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016  
Fresno, California 93721-3604

**Exempt Status: (check one)**

- Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268  
 Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)  
 Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)  
 Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1, §15302/Class 2, §15303/Class 3  
 Statutory Exemption – PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts, from the provisions of CEQA, project consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples include but are not limited to: existing highways and streets, sidewalks, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

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Section 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction) consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to, water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed upgrades to the pedestrian countdown signals and pedestrian push buttons along the North Blackstone Avenue/North Abby Street and East Kings Canyon Road/Ventura Street Bus Rapid Transit corridors involve negligible or no expansion of existing use. The proposed project will not add or remove any travel lanes. Furthermore, upgrades to existing structures and facilities, such as countdown signals and signal equipment, will be located on the same site as the existing structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. Proposed upgrades are minor and made in the exterior of the existing structures and facilities.

The proposed project meets the criteria noted above. It has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, categorical exemptions, as noted above, have been prepared for the project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:**

Jenna Chilingirian, Services Aide  
 City of Fresno, Planning and Development Department

**Telephone No.:** (559) 621-8277

**Signature:** Jenna Chilingirian **Date:** 9/6/2019

**Printed Name and Title:**

Jenna Chilingirian, Services Aide  
 City of Fresno, Planning and Development Department

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant

**Attachments:** Project Location Map  
 Exemption Finding

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION NO. P19-03643**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT  
FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19  
OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

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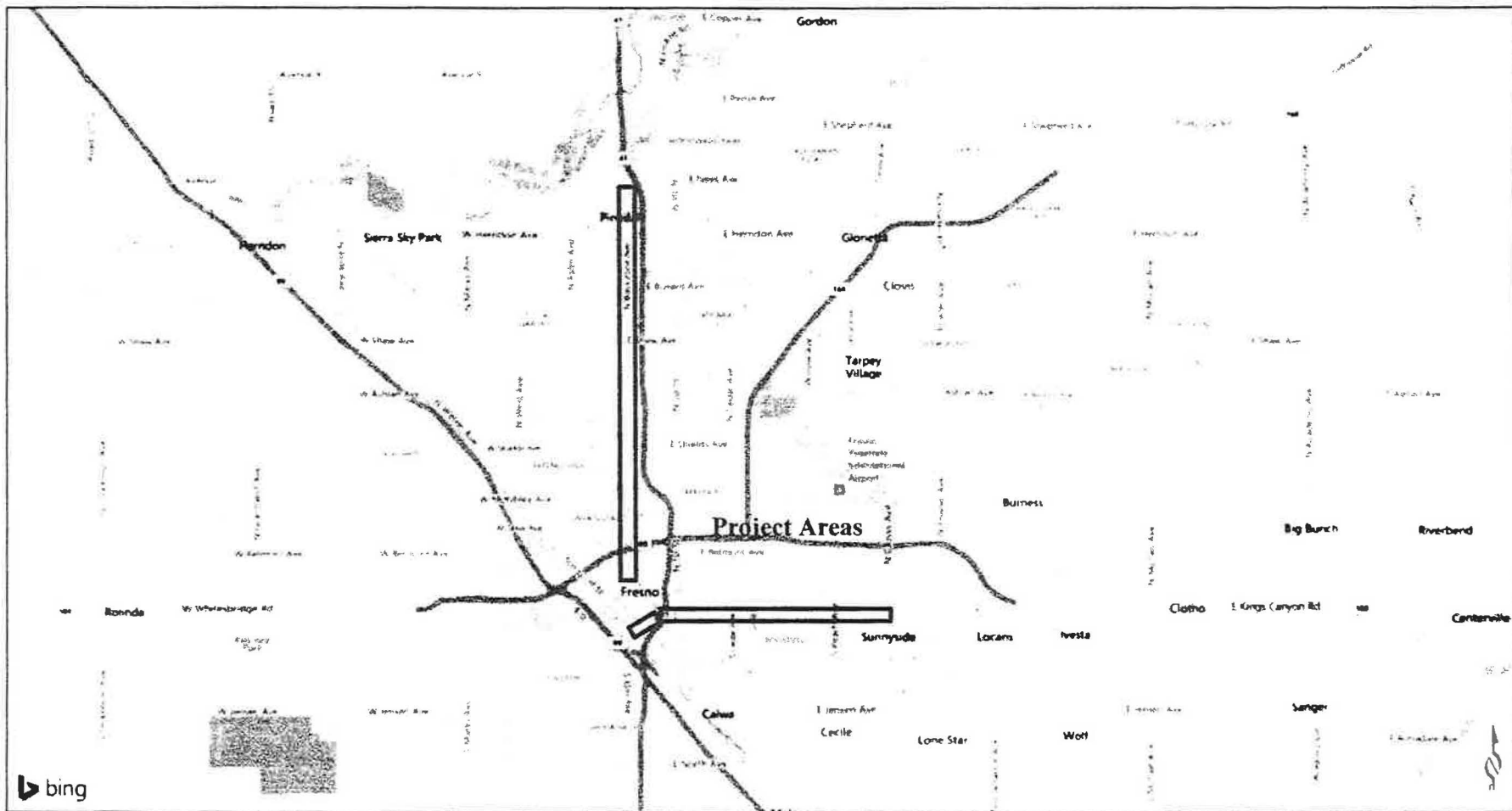
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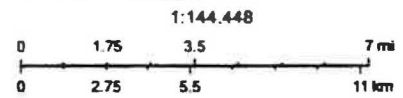
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# Location Map

## Pedestrian Improvement Project: Blackstone/Abby, Ventura/Kings Canyon



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