

# Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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**Applicant(s):** Tulare County Public Works  
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**Project Title:** Installation of Bus Shelters Project

**Project Location 1 - Specific:** State Route 216 in Visalia, CA

**Project Location 1 - Section, Township, Range:** SW¼ of S½ Sec. 22, T18S, R25E

**Project Location 1 - City:** City of Visalia

**Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project 1:** The Project consists of installation of one covered bus shelter and relocation of an existing bus stop by 100 ft to the west on the north side of State Route 216 (at Post Mile 22.89, approximately 800 feet north west of McAuliff St.) in the City of Visalia. An Encroachment Permit must be received from Caltrans for this Project as it is within SR 216 right-of-way. The general public will benefit as the project would improve existing bus stops for a better approach of the bus and better visibility of waiting passengers in the city near The Visalia Adult School to increase rider comfort and security, as well as making the stops ADA accessible. This request is also due to unmet transit needs reasonable to meet received.

**Project Location 2 - Specific:** State Route 216 in Ivanhoe, CA

**Project Location2- Section, Township, Range:** SW¼ of Sec. 18, T18S, R25E

**Project Location 2 - City:** Unincorporated community of Ivanhoe, CA

**Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project 2:** The Project consists of installation of one covered bus shelter and relocation of an existing bus stop on the west side of State Route 216. (At Post Mile 6.7, approximately 100 feet south of Rd 327) in the unincorporated community of Ivanhoe. An Encroachment Permit must be received from Caltrans for this Project as it is within SR 216 right-of-way. The general public will benefit as the project would improve existing bus stops for a better approach of the bus and better visibility of waiting passengers in the community of Ivanhoe to increase rider comfort and security, as well as making the stops ADA accessible. This request is also due to unmet transit needs reasonable to meet received.

**Project Location 3 - Specific:** State Route 63, near 2nd Drive in Cutler, CA

**Project Location 3- Section, Township, Range:** N½ of SW¼ of NW¼ Sec. 20 T16S R25E

**Project Location 3 - City:** Unincorporated community of Cutler, CA

**Location - County:** Tulare

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project 3:** The Project consists of the relocation of one existing bus stop by approximately 250 ft and the installation of a bus shelter on the northbound side of State Route 63 (at Post Mile 22.20, approximately 100 feet north of 2nd Drive) in the unincorporated community of Cutler. An Encroachment Permit must be received from Caltrans for this Project as it is within SR 63 right-of-way. The general public will benefit as the project would improve existing bus stops in the community near Cutler Elementary to increase rider comfort and security, as well as making the stops ADA accessible.

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

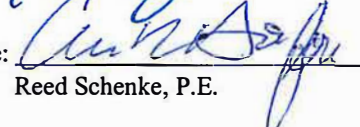
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- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3);
- Categorical Exemption: **New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15303**
- Statutory Exemptions:

**Reasons why project is exempt:** This action is consistent with Section 15303 Class 3 New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15303). As noted above, the project is to install covered bus shelters at three separate locations along existing transit routes to service existing transit customers. Each of the three shelter installations includes the relocation of an existing bus shelter to a nearby location that is more suitable for an ADA compliant shelter. The bus shelter locations are located along State Route 216 (at Post Mile 22.89, approximately 800 feet north west of McAuliff St.; and at Post Mile 6.7, approximately 100 feet south of Rd 327, in Visalia and Ivanhoe; respectively) and along State Route 63 (at Post Mile 22.20, approximately 100 feet north of 2nd Drive in Cutler). These bus shelters are small structures and serve existing transit routes and customers. Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 is applicable and appropriate for this project.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency  
**Project Planner/Representative:** Albert Barragan, Transit Manager **Area Code/Telephone:** 559-624-7000

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Signed by Lead Agency

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