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LEAD AGENCY City of Ridgecrest

PROJECT TITLE City-Wide Arterial Flashing Stop Signs And Advance Pavement Markings Project,
Federal Project No. HSIPSL-5385(071)

PROJECT APPLICANT City of Ridgecrest

PHONE NUMBER (760) 499-5000

PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 100 W. California Avenue

CITY Ridgecrest STATE CA ZIP CODE 93555

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CONTACT PERSON Travis Reed, P/W Director PHONE NUMBER (760) 499-5000

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814-3044

FROM: City of Ridgecrest
Department of Public Works
100 W. California Avenue
Ridgecrest, California 93555

 X County Clerk
County of Kern California
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301-4639

Project Title: **City-Wide Arterial Flashing Stop Signs And Advance Pavement Markings Project, Federal Project No. HSIPSL-5385(071)**

Project Location: 25 stop-sign controlled intersections within City of Ridgecrest, Kern County (see attached map)

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries: See attached project description

Public Agency Approving Project: City of Ridgecrest Public Works Department

Name of Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Ridgecrest

This is to advise that the City of Ridgecrest Public Works Department has approved the above described project on _____ and has made the determination that the project is exempt due to the following:

Exempt Status (check one):

- Ministerial (§ 21080 (b) (1); § 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080 (b) (3); § 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 21080 (B) (4); § 15269(b) (c))
- X Categorical Exemption: Class 1: Minor Alteration of Existing Public Facilities Involving No Expansion of Existing or Former Use (§§ 15301(c), (f))
- Statutory Exemption (§ _____)

Reason(s) why project is exempt: The project is limited to installing upgraded stop signs and adding new pavement markings on existing street surfaces to improve safety on these streets. No capacity expansion is proposed.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Travis Reed, Director, Department of Public Works

Signature:  _____ Date: 1/18/22

Project Description:

The project includes design and construction of upgraded stop signs, new pavement markings, and crosswalk improvements at 25 stop-controlled intersections throughout the City. The proposed improvements will include upgrading existing stop signs with larger stop signs that feature solar powered LED warning lights and new posts with additional wind bracing and installation of advance "STOP AHEAD" pavement markings. Crosswalk striping will be upgraded at the intersections of Las Flores Avenue at Downs Street and Upjohn Avenue at Gateway Boulevard.

The project intersections include the following locations:

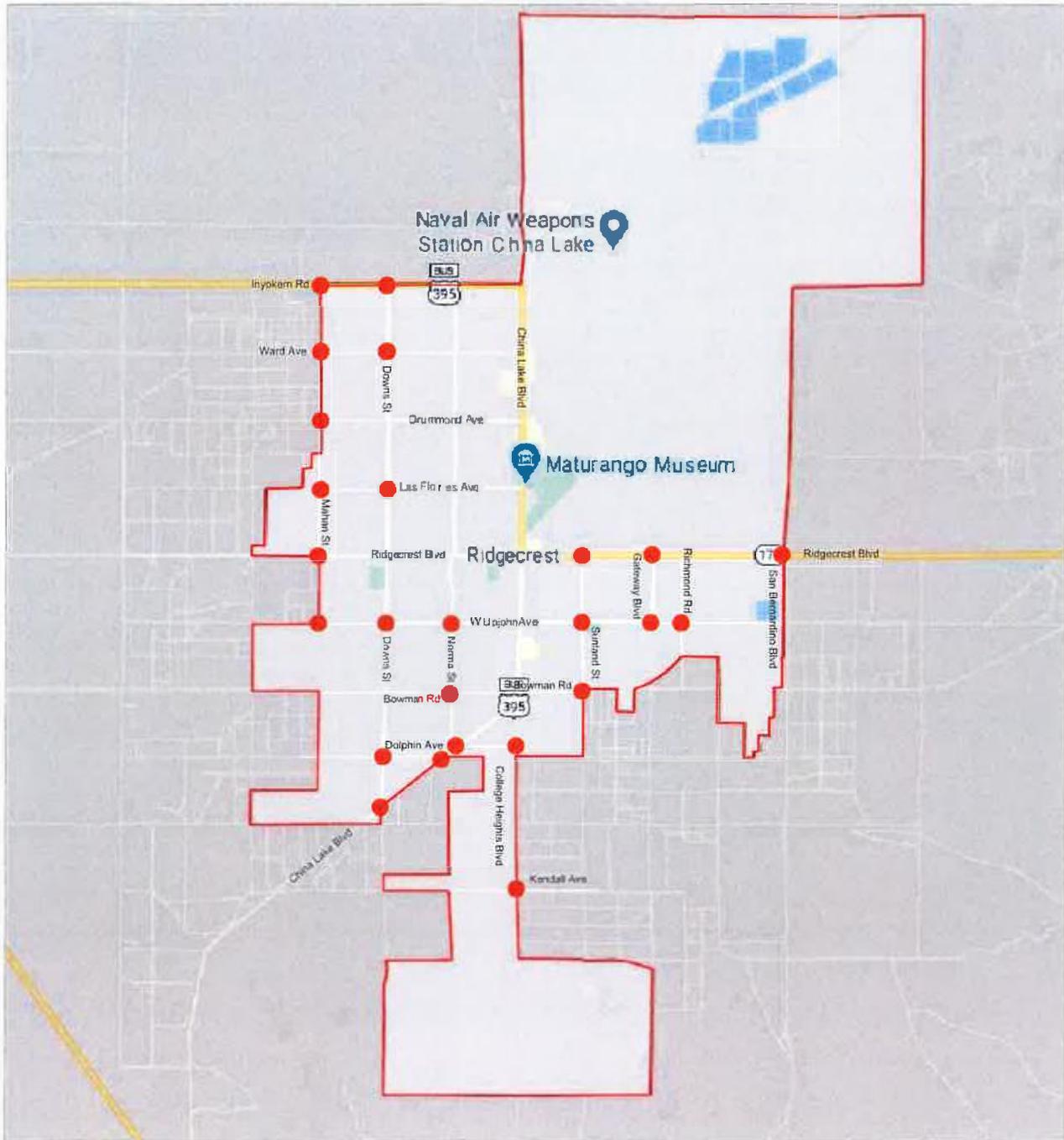
1. Drummond Ave at Mahan St
2. Las Flores Ave at Mahan St
3. Las Flores Ave at Downs St
4. Upjohn Ave at Downs St
5. Upjohn Ave at Norma St
6. Upjohn Ave at Sunland St
7. Upjohn Ave at Gateway Blvd
8. Bowman Rd at Norma St
9. Dolphin Ave at Downs St
10. Dolphin Ave at China Lake Blvd
11. Downs St at China Lake Blvd
12. Norma St at China Lake Blvd
13. Upjohn Ave at Richmond Rd
14. Gateway Blvd at Ridgecrest Blvd (on Caltrans Route)
15. Sunland St at Ridgecrest Blvd (on Caltrans Route)
16. Mahan St at Inyokern Rd (on Caltrans Route)
17. Mahan St at Ward Ave
18. Mahan St at Ridgecrest Blvd
19. Mahan St at Upjohn Ave
20. Downs St at Inyokern Rd (on Caltrans Route)
21. Downs St at Ward Ave
22. College Heights Blvd at Dolphin Ave
23. College Heights Blvd at Kendall Ave
24. Sunland St at Bowman Rd
25. San Bernardino Blvd at Ridgecrest Blvd (on Caltrans Route)

The project has independent utility and will not require future construction to function; it does not require new right-of-way and does not involve landscaping activities that use known invasive plant species. All work is within City right-of-way.

Setting: The project intersections are located within developed areas. There is no natural habitat within or immediately adjacent to the project boundaries.

Beneficiaries:

Ridgecrest residents and visitors will benefit from improved safety resulting from greater visibility of traffic controls.



Legend

- Ridgecrest City Limits
- Location of proposed flashing stop signs and pavement markings.

