

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Fresno
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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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PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Assessment No. 2022-9
Jefferson Elementary Safe Routes to School

PROJECT LOCATION: Lincoln Avenue from East to Pecan Avenues, Washington and Jefferson Avenue from East to Columbia Avenues and Sunset and Columbia Avenue from Dinuba to Duff Avenues, Reedley, CA 93654

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Reedley proposes to install sidewalk and 21 ADA ramps around Jefferson Elementary School on Lincoln Avenue from East to Pecan Avenues, Washington and Jefferson Avenue from East to Columbia Avenues and Sunset and Columbia Avenue from Dinuba to Duff Avenues. Right of way acquisition would be required for 22 parcels. Existing vegetation, including landscape, shrubs and trees within the City's right of way where sidewalk is proposed would be removed. Mailboxes and signage would be relocated as needed. The purpose of this project is to provide a safe mode of transportation for pedestrians. Approximately 8,780 linear feet of sidewalk would be installed, but the project limits expand to approximately 10,650 linear feet in total. The project is consistent with the 2030 General Plan Update, Chapter 3, Circulation Element, Figure 3-1 – Circulation Diagram.

This project is exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) and Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15301(c) (Class 1/Existing Facilities), exempts from the provisions of CEQA projects characterized as repair of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, and bicycle and pedestrian trails, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes. The proposed sidewalk project is designed consistent with the City of Reedley Standard Specifications

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and Standard Drawings. The proposed sidewalk project includes modification of existing street facilities (curb ramps) and installs new sidewalk facilities on an existing street, which would not create additional automobile lanes and would instead provide a safe path of travel for pedestrians which could encourage walking. Therefore, this project is exempted under this Section.

Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines also exempts projects that are consistent with the General Plan and zoning; occur within the city limits on a site less than five acres; contain no habitat for endangered species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The proposed roadway project is consistent with the 2030 General Plan Update, Chapter 3, Circulation Element, Figure 3.1 – Circulation Diagram, the purpose of which is to provide a surface transportation system for the general welfare of the community. The segments of Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson, Sunset and Columbia Avenues within the limits of this project are “local” streets, the purpose of which is to provide mobility with access to “collectors”, “arterials”, some “local” streets and major traffic generators. The project occurs in the city limits of Reedley and is on an affected area that is less than five acres with no habitat for endangered species on the site. The project site is existing streets in a residential area, which has a high level of disturbance within, and adjacent to the project area, therefore it lacks suitable habitat for endangered species. The project would be required to comply with general plan policies and mitigation measures addressed in the Reedley General Plan 2030 Program EIR (SCH# 2010031106), which would determine that the project would not result in any significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

The proposed sidewalk project is an exemption characterized under Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) and Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

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