

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno
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Project Title: Environmental Assessment, PW00980

Project Location: Barstow Avenue, Marks Avenue to Willow Avenue, Butler Avenue, Hazelwood Boulevard to Peach Avenue, Cedar/Champlain Avenue, Jensen Avenue to Valley Oak Elementary, Clovis Avenue, Jensen Avenue to Shields Avenue, McKinley Avenue, West Avenue to Clovis Avenue, West Avenue, Clinton Avenue to Herndon Avenue, Ashlan Avenue, Cornelia Avenue to Blythe Avenue, California/Ventura Avenue, Fresno Street to C Street, Elm Avenue, North Avenue to California Avenue, and Jensen Avenue and Cherry Avenue.

Project Location – City: City of Fresno

Project Location - County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, is proposing to upgrade pedestrian heads at 89 intersections with countdown traffic signal heads.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno Department of Public Works

Name of Persons or Agency Carrying Out Project: Steve Delsid, PE, Public Works Dept.

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 Exemptions - CEQA §15301/Class 1 and CEQA §15302/Class 2
 Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of consists 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 or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class I. The Key considerations whether the project involves negligible or no expansion use.

Specifically included in the class of exemption are:

(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alternates such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and

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bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

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: water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed project is consistent with Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because the project is proposing to make improvements to existing traffic signals. The proposed improvements are minor, do not constitute an expansion of use, and will improve the public right-of-way without increasing road capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant