


NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

- To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

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|  <p>FILED TULARE COUNTY JUN 27 2023 ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER BY:</p> |
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Lead Agency: Tulare County Board of Supervisors c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: Avenue 336 Railroad Crossing Improvements Project

Project Location - Specific: . CA-Avenue 336 between Road 152(S) and Road 156

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 35, Township 17S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: North of the unincorporated community of Ivanhoe, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consist of improving the safety of the railroad crossing north of the unincorporated community of Ivanhoe. The railroad crossing is located at the intersection of Avenue 336 and San Joaquin Valley Railroad (SJVR) tracks which is approximately 250 feet east of the T-intersection of Road 152 (south) and Avenue 336. The project includes pavement reconstruction along Avenue 336 up to the SJVR tracks and Road 152 north approximately 750 feet. Additionally, installation of approximately 70 linear feet (30'L x 2.2'W x 0.5'H =on the southside and 40'L x 2.2'W x 0.5'H on the northside) of asphalt dike in front of the railroad warning devices, and related improvements (signing/stripping, etc.). No additional right-of-way will be acquired and no construction work outside of the existing right-of-way will occur. Construction-related activities will include roadway excavation, placement of aggregate base and pavement, and signing/stripping installation. This project is funded by the Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities. Construction is anticipated to begin the Fall of 2023.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

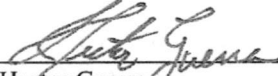
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c) and Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies**
- Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c). As such, Sections 15301 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Tulare County Board of Supervisors

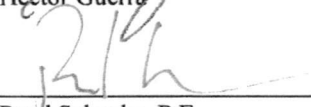
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Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____