

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: **Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project**

Project Location - Specific: Tipton, CA- Evans Road (between Avenue 152 and Lerda Ave.) and Woods Avenue (between Thompson Rd. and Newman Rd.)

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 31, Township 21S, Range 25E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Tipton, CA

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Tipton Sidewalk Improvements Project includes pedestrian enhancements along Evans Road (between Avenue 152 and Lerda Avenue) and Woods Avenue (between Thompson Road and Newman Road) in Tipton near Tipton Elementary School District. The project involves installing curb & gutter, sidewalk, curb ramps, drive approaches, asphalt concrete paveouts, pedestrian facility-related drainage improvements, and a flashing beacon system at the existing crosswalk in front of Tipton Elementary School. Construction activities will include roadway excavation, placement of aggregate base and pavement, and signing/striping installation. Minor utility relocations may be needed to accommodate the project. The project aims to address drainage issues along Evans Road and Woods Avenue to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists. Construction is anticipated to begin during the 3rd Quarter of 2025.

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 Structures (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 Structures (c), 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

Project Planner/Representative: Julian Sanchez, EIT

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Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____