

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: HSIP Cycle 11 Corridor Safety Improvements Project HSIPL-5946(215)

Project Location - Specific:

- Location 1 – Avenue 192 from Road 136 to Road 196
- Location 2 – Avenue 384 from Drive/Diagonal 27 to State Route 63

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: Cities of Tulare and Dinuba

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose and need of the project is to improve the safety of the public traveling on rural segments of County roads by implementing countermeasures identified in the Caltrans Highway Safety Manual, consistent with the goals of the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The Project consists of installing and/or upgrading signs with new fluorescent sheeting (regulatory and/or warning), installing centerline rumble strips and edgeline rumble strips at two (2) locations. Construction is anticipated to begin in the summer 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 Facilities (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions:

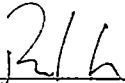
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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, as activities associated with the 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 Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Claudia Sanchez, P.E. **Telephone:** 559-624-7000

Signature:  Date: 3/19/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 03-19-2024 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____