

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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 County Clerk  
 County of: Madera  
 200 W. 4th Street  
 Madera, CA 93637

**From:** (Public Agency): City of Chowchilla  
130 S. Second Street  
Chowchilla, CA 93610  
 (Address)

Project Title: Chowchilla Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Cycle 11 Project

Project Applicant: City of Chowchilla

Project Location - Specific:

Various Locations - See attached project description for specific locations

Project Location - City: Chowchilla Project Location - County: Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will construct various intersection improvements throughout the City of Chowchilla, Madera County, California. This involves additional intersection lighting, pavement markings for crosswalks and advanced notice, an increase in signage sizes (stop signs or warning/regulatory signs), and the installation of a Solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB). The Project will increase safety through pedestrian and right-of-way amenity improvements that will benefit residents of the City of Chowchilla. See attached for full project description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Chowchilla

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason Rogers- Public Works

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));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15301(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_


Reasons why project is exempt:

The project does not propose additional lanes and will not result in an increase in road capacity. The intent of the project is to provide safer intersection and pedestrian controls at the existing right-of-way (ROW). The project sites are already improved with intersections in developed areas throughout the City. These intersections do not contain suitable habitat for special status biological resources. No cultural or scenic resources were identified on the site. The project site does not contain a listed hazardous material/waste facility. Construction will be conducted within existing ROW and on previously disturbed land. The anticipated construction efforts of the project are temporary and are expected to exceed SJVAPCD criteria pollutant thresholds and will comply with SJVAPCD rules and regulations for construction activities including fugitive dust emission control measures.

Lead Agency  
 Contact Person: Jason Rogers, Public Works Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-665-8615

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 3/27/24 Title: Director- Public Works

Signed by Lead Agency     Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chowchilla Intersection Improvement Project Description:

The City has received grant funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to construct various intersection improvements throughout the City of Chowchilla, Madera County, California. This scope of work involves the civil design of additional intersection lighting, pavement markings for crosswalks and advanced notice, an increase in signage sizes (stop signs or warning/regulatory signs), and the installation of a solar Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) equipment. The proposed work would improve the following intersections:

- Roberston Boulevard and 8th Street (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of approximately 147 linear feet of existing striping.
    - Removal of existing “Stop” marking
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 100 linear feet of 6 inch yellow striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - Approximately 300 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20A
    - Approximately 100 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20D
    - New limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - New left turn arrow marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24A
    - New “Stop” pavement marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New 36 inch 36 inch stop sign and post
- 7th Street and Robertson Boulevard (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
    - Removal of approximately 50 linear feet of existing striping.
    - Removal of existing left turn arrow marking
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of existing “Stop” marking
    - Removal of existing “Do Not Enter/Stop/One Way” sign and post
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 250 linear feet of striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20A
    - Approximately 100 linear feet of striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - Approximately 50 linear feet of striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20D
    - New Left turn marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24A
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
      - New crosswalk would include embedded lights for higher visibility.
    - New “Stop” pavement marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24D
    - New limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - New 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and post.
    - New “Do Not Enter”/ “Stop” (36 inch by 36 inch) / “One Way” sign

- S 3rd Street and Colusa Avenue (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the two existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
    - Removal of existing speed limit sign
    - Removal of two “Bike Route” signs
    - Removal of approximately 215 linear feet of existing striping.
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 221 linear feet of 6 inch yellow striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - Two new 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and post
    - New speed limit sign
    - Two new “Bike Route” signs
- N 5th Street and Riverside Avenue (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the two existing stop sign and posts
    - Removal of approximately 107 linear feet of existing striping.
    - Removal of crosswalk striping
    - Removal of “Bike Route” sign
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 107 linear feet of 6 inch yellow striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - Two new 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and posts
    - New “Bike Route” sign
- N 4th Street and Ventura (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of approximately 118 linear feet of existing striping.
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 118 linear feet of 6 inch yellow striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - New limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - New 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and post at the same location as existing stop sign post.
- Orange Avenue and S 12th Street (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing street sign and post
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
    - Removal of existing school crossing sign
  - Installation activities
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New “Stop” pavement marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New pedestrian crossing sign
    - New 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and post.

- N 5th Street and Ventura (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of approximately 196 linear feet of existing striping.
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
    - Removal of “Bike Route” sign.
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 172 linear feet of 6 inch yellow striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B
    - New limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - New stop sign and post at the same location as existing stop sign post.
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New “Bike Route” sign
- Robertson Boulevard and 13th Street (City)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of the existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing “Stop” marking
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of approximately 50 linear feet of existing striping.
    - Removal of existing left turn marking
    - Removal of existing crosswalk striping
  - Installation activities
    - Approximately 300 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20A
    - Approximately 100 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20D
    - New “Stop” pavement marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - New crosswalk per Caltrans Standard Plan A24F
    - New left turn arrow marking per Caltrans Standard Plan A24A
    - New 36 inch by 36 inch stop sign and post
    - New rectangular rapid flashing beacon, W11-2 sign, W16-7P sign, and post
    - New W11-2 sign, W16-9P sign, and post
- Avenue 24 1/2 and Chowchilla Boulevard (Rural)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of existing stop sign and post
    - Removal of existing limit line striping
    - Removal of 45 linear feet of existing striping
  - Installation activities
    - Install new 36 inch by 36 inch flashing stop sign and post
    - Install new limit line striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A24G
    - Install 50 linear feet of striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20A
- Avenue 24 1/2 and Road 16 (Rural)
  - Demolition activities
    - Removal of two existing stop signs and post
    - Removal of 50 linear feet of existing striping
    - Removal of existing limit line striping.

- Installation activities
  - Install two new 36 inch by 36 inch flashing stop sign and post
  - Install 200 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20A
  - Install 200 linear feet of roadway striping per Caltrans Standard Plan A20B

The proposed work will include the installation of solar rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) at the intersection of Robertson Boulevard and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Excavation associated with the RRFB installation would occur at a maximum depth of 4 feet . No underground electrical components are required for RRFB installation. The crosswalk at Robertson Boulevard and 7<sup>th</sup> Street includes the use of embedded lights to increase visibility. These embedded lights would require minor trenching at a maximum depth of six inches. Each intersection has existing lighting where an increase in the size of lighting will occur.

Existing pavement markings will be removed and replaced. All new and replacement signage, striping, and markings will be installed in accordance with the latest edition of the California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD).

Construction activities are anticipated to be located above grade or within areas that have already experienced ground disturbance due to existing improvements. There is no right-of-way acquisition required for the proposed work and all work will occur within the existing public right-of-way.





**Figure -1**  
**Project Area**  
**Chowchilla Intersection Project**