

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PC00204**

THE PROJECT DESCRIBED HEREIN IS DETERMINED TO BE CATEGORICALLY
EXEMPT FROM THE PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES.

APPLICANT: City of Fresno
Capital Projects Department, 747 'R' Street, 2nd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the southeast corner of the N. Broadway Street and East Elizabeth Street intersection, with an address of 940 N. Broadway Street. (APN: 452-11-434T) Please see attached vicinity map. (Council District 3)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes Construction of a new pocket park on a 0.64-acre parcel owned by the City of Fresno and located at 940 N. Broadway Street, as well as the vacation of approximately ± 2,756 square feet of right-of-way. Park improvements will consist of the installation of shade structures, play structures, lighting, vegetation planting, and underground work that will include irrigation, waterline for drinking fountain, and electrical utilities. Hardscape improvements will be comprised of a stage area, walkways, rebuilt drive approach, sidewalk, curb and gutter. Vegetation improvements will contain roughly 5,000 square feet of drought tolerant landscape, and approximately thirty-three (33) trees. Miscellaneous improvements involve the erection of a fence, benches, picnic tables, trash cans, exercise stations and equipment, and public art.

This project is exempt under Section 15332/Class 32 and Section 15304/Class 4 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15332/Class 32 exemption, for projects pertaining to in-fill development, consistent with the General Plan and zoning; occur within the city limits on a site less than five acres; contain no habitat for endangered species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services. Further, the area in which the project is located is not environmentally sensitive.

Section 15304/Class 4, for projects consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The area proposed to be vacated is comprised of right-of-way sidewalk and drive approach that will return to the adjacent public park area. The vacation will remove approximately ±2,756 square feet of right-of-way. No significant effects would occur as a result of the proposed vacation.

The proposed project complies with all the conditions described in 15332/Class 32 and Section 15304/Class 4 of the California CEQA Guidelines. 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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