

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: HSIP Cycle 11 Guardrail Safety Improvements Project HSIPL-5946(213)

Project Location - Specific:

- Location 1 – Road 192 (0.4-mile North of Avenue 152)
- Location 2 – Road 124 (0.7-mile North of Avenue 200)
- Location 3 – Road 196 (4-miles North of State Route 198)
- Location 4 – Road 152 (0.4-mile South of State Route 137)
- Location 5 – Avenue 368 (1-mile West of Road 108)
- Location 6 – Drive/Diagonal 60(1.15-miles South of Avenue 352)
- Location 7 – Drive/Diagonal 60 (1.95-miles South of Avenue 352)
- Location 8 – Drive/Diagonal 60 (2.05-miles South of Avenue 352)

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

Project Location - City: Unincorporated communities of Poplar, Tulare, Exeter, and Traver

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose and need of the project are to improve the safety of the traveling public 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 The Project consists of upgrade improvements to existing, damaged, outdated, and destroyed guardrails to meet current standards at eight (8) locations, as well as corrective work on the shoulders for all locations. Construction is anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2026.

Exempt Status: (check one)

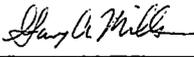
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Common Sense Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:

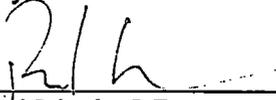
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Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, as activities associated with the 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 **Telephone:** 559-624-7000

Signature:  Date: 4/24/2024 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Gary A. Mills

Signature:  Date: 5/22/24 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. RMA Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to OPR: _____