

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00972**

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
Department of Public Works
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Barstow Avenue, from Blackstone Avenue to Cedar Avenue

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno Department of Public Works proposes to make improvements along Barstow Avenue, from Blackstone Avenue to Cedar Avenue. The improvements along Barstow Avenue will convert the Class II bike lanes to Class IV bikeways by the reduction of vehicle travel lane widths. Additional improvements along Barstow Ave include the roadway surface ground and overlay of asphalt pavement from Blackstone Avenue to First Street.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class I. The Key considerations whether the project involves negligible or no expansion use.

Specifically included in the class of exemption are:

(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alternates such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

The proposed Barstow Avenue travel lane improvements and alterations do not propose any additional rights-of-way within the vicinity to make these Class IV bikeway and surface improvements. The proposed lane improvements consist of reducing the travel lane widths to simply convert the Class II bike lanes to Class IV bikeways and asphalt ground and overlay along the roadway between Blackstone Ave and First Street.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section

15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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