

CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-14-041

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.

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PROJECT LOCATION: South side of Golden State Boulevard between East Church Avenue and Foundry Park Avenue; within the City and County of Fresno, CA (APN: 479-030-74. (Council District 3, Councilmember Baines).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment No. EA-14-041 was filed by Lawrence B. Stone, of Lawrence B. Stone Properties. The proposed project consists of the vacation of the relinquishment of direct vehicular access for the construction of a thirty (30) foot driveway approach into Golden State Boulevard. A portion of the 71,438 square foot parcel will be used to lay pavement and driveway construction allowing access to existing buildings (office/warehouse and steel stud storage and distribution) from Golden State Boulevard.

This project is exempt under Section 15304 (Class 4/Minor Alterations to Land) and Section 15305 (Class 5/Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION: Section 15304/Class 4 (Minor Alterations in Land) consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to (a) Grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent; (b) New gardening or landscaping; (c) Filing of earth into previously excavated land; (d) Minor alterations in land, water, and vegetation; (e) Minor temporary use of land; (f) Minor trenching and backfilling; (g) Maintenance dredging and backfilling; (h) The creation of bicycle lanes; and (i) Fuel management activities within 30 feet of structures.

Section 15305/Class 5 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density, including but not limited to: (a) Minor lot line adjustments; (b) Issuance of minor encroachment permits; and (c) Reversion to acreage in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act.

The proposed project complies with all conditions in the Class 4 and 5 exemptions. Specifically, the project consists of the vacation of the relinquishment of direct vehicular access for the construction of a thirty (30) foot driveway approach into Golden State Boulevard. A portion of the 71,438 square foot parcel will be used to lay pavement and driveway construction allowing

access to existing buildings (office/warehouse and steel stud storage and distribution) from Golden State Boulevard. The project is considered a minor alteration in land and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees. Currently, access to the site comes from Foundry Park Avenue. Properties in the immediate area are being impacted by the California High Speed Rail resulting in land use limitations of their respective property (i.e., access to and from the property or direct access to their business). As a result, the High Speed Rail plans to modify primary access from Foundry Park Avenue to Golden State Boulevard. This required modification does not result in any changes in land use or density. No adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project.

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