

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: City of Fresno, Planning & Development Department
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Project Title: Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program (BPMP) Phase 2

Project Location: Proposed project is the following five locations around Fresno (see attached map):
North Clovis Avenue over Fancher Creek (Bridge 42C0032)
North First Street over Dry Creek (Bridge 42C0198)
North Van Ness Avenue over Dry Creek (Bridge 42C0205)
North Maple Avenue over Mill Ditch (Bridge 42C0217)
North Millbrook Avenue over Mill Ditch (Bridge 42C0611)

Project Location-City: City of Fresno **Project Location-County:** County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This is a maintenance project that will perform prescribed maintenance detailed and recommended by Caltrans within routine inspections and communicated through standard Bridge Inspection Reports. The work for each location is as follows:

- Bridge 42C0032 – Place methacrylate deck treatment on the west side of the bridge deck.
- Bridge 42C0198 – Install channel lining and fill scour hole under existing water line under the bridge.
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- Bridge 42C0611 – Place methacrylate deck treatment on the bridge deck.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

City of Fresno, Department of Public Works
C/O Magdaleno Jimenez, Engineer II
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
Fresno, California 93721-3604

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial - PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- Declared Emergency - PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- Emergency Project - PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- Categorical Exemption – CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1
- Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

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Reasons why project is exempt:

The Class 1 categorical exemption for existing facilities is for 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 (CEQA Guidelines §15301).

The Project consists of preventative maintenance, will be performed on existing public facilities, and will not result in expansion of use.

Exceptions to the Exemption

CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 identifies six (a through f) exceptions to the use of categorical exemptions. The Project does not qualify for any of the exceptions to the exemptions as documented below.

- a. *Location. Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located – a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.*

The Project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA under Class 1.

- b. *Cumulative Impact. All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.*

The Project is designed to maintain existing bridges within the City. The City has completed similar projects in previous years aimed at maintaining existing facilities and extending the functional lifespan of these bridges. The cumulative effect of these maintenance projects on environmental resources is negligible.

- c. *Significant Effect. A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.*

The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. The City completed preliminary environmental review, a cultural resources records search and study, and a biological resources database search and field review to evaluate potential environmental effects of the Project. Based on results of the studies, the Project will not result in significant impacts on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

- d. *Scenic Highways. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.*

The Project is not located within a state scenic highway and will therefore not damage any resources within a state scenic highway.

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e. *Hazardous Waste Sites. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.*

As documented in the Initial Site Assessment prepared for the Project, the Project is not located on a site that appears on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (i.e. the "Cortese List").

f. *Historical Resources. A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.*

The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. There are no CEQA historic resources, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5 (i.e. listed or eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources, included in a local register of historic resources, considered "historically significant", or deemed a historical resource by the lead agency) located within the Project.

The proposed project meets the criteria noted above. It has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a notice of categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Magdaleno Jimenez

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Signature: MAGDALENO JIMENEZ **Date:** 03/14/2023

Printed Name and Title: Magdaleno Jimenez, Engineer II, City of Fresno

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant

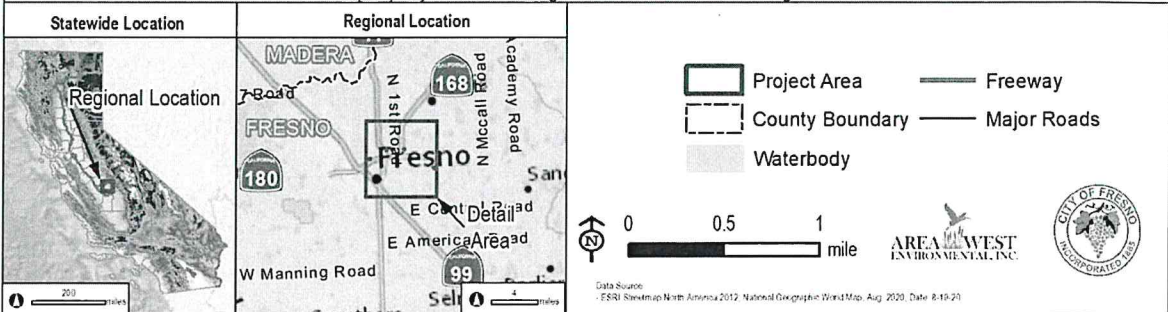
Attachments: Project Vicinity Map

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**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. X-XX-XXX**

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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This project is exempt under Sections 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 are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves

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negligible or no expansion of use. The Project will provide maintenance improvements to five bridges within the City of Fresno and will involve negligible or no expansion of use.

The proposed project consists of maintenance work. 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.

Date: March 14, 2023

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