

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00663-SR99-03**

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
2600 Fresno Street, room 4016
Fresno, CA 93621

PROJECT LOCATION: North Marks Avenue, north of Marks-Shields Connector (See attached Feasibility Study Exhibit)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The California Highspeed Rail Authority Railway construction requires a segment of State Route 99 to be realigned from West Ashlan Avenue to West Weldon Avenue. State Route 99 has been realigned to the southwest. By doing this, the realignment has created public street remnants. These remnants can no longer function as public streets due to the amount of area resulting from the realignment. These remnants of public streets will need to be vacated as a result of the realignment. This remnant area of 12,632.40 square feet is intended to be transferred back to the adjacent owner being the State of California.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and 15305/Class 5 (Minor Alteration 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 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety). This project is removing existing street improvements and replacing them by constructing new street improvements and not altering the land use.

Section 15305 (Class 5/Minor Alteration in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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 minor lot line adjustments not resulting in the creation of any new parcel. This

project is removing existing street improvements and replacing them by constructing new street improvements and not altering the land use.

The proposed vacation of the above-described land meets the criteria noted above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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