

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno
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Fresno, California 93721

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Project Title: Environmental Assessment (EA) No. C-16-014-HSR (Public Works File No. 12008)

Project Location: North side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The scope of work is the vacation of relinquishment of direct access rights on the north side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue to eliminate access restrictions and allow property owner access to the property identified as Assessor Parcel Number 487-180-04.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno Public Works Department

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason A. Camit, PLS

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 § _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301/Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Example 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).

Furthermore, none of the exceptions to the Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Ralph Kachadourian

Telephone No. (559) 621-8172

Signature:



Date:

7/22/16

Printed Name and Title:

Ralph Kachadourian, Supervising Planner, Development Services Division, High Speed Rail
Impacted Business Assistance Program

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by applicant

Attachments: Exhibit A and Exhibit B
Categorical Exemption Memorandum

EXHIBIT "B"

NOTE: The State of California or its officers or agents
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of digital images of this map.

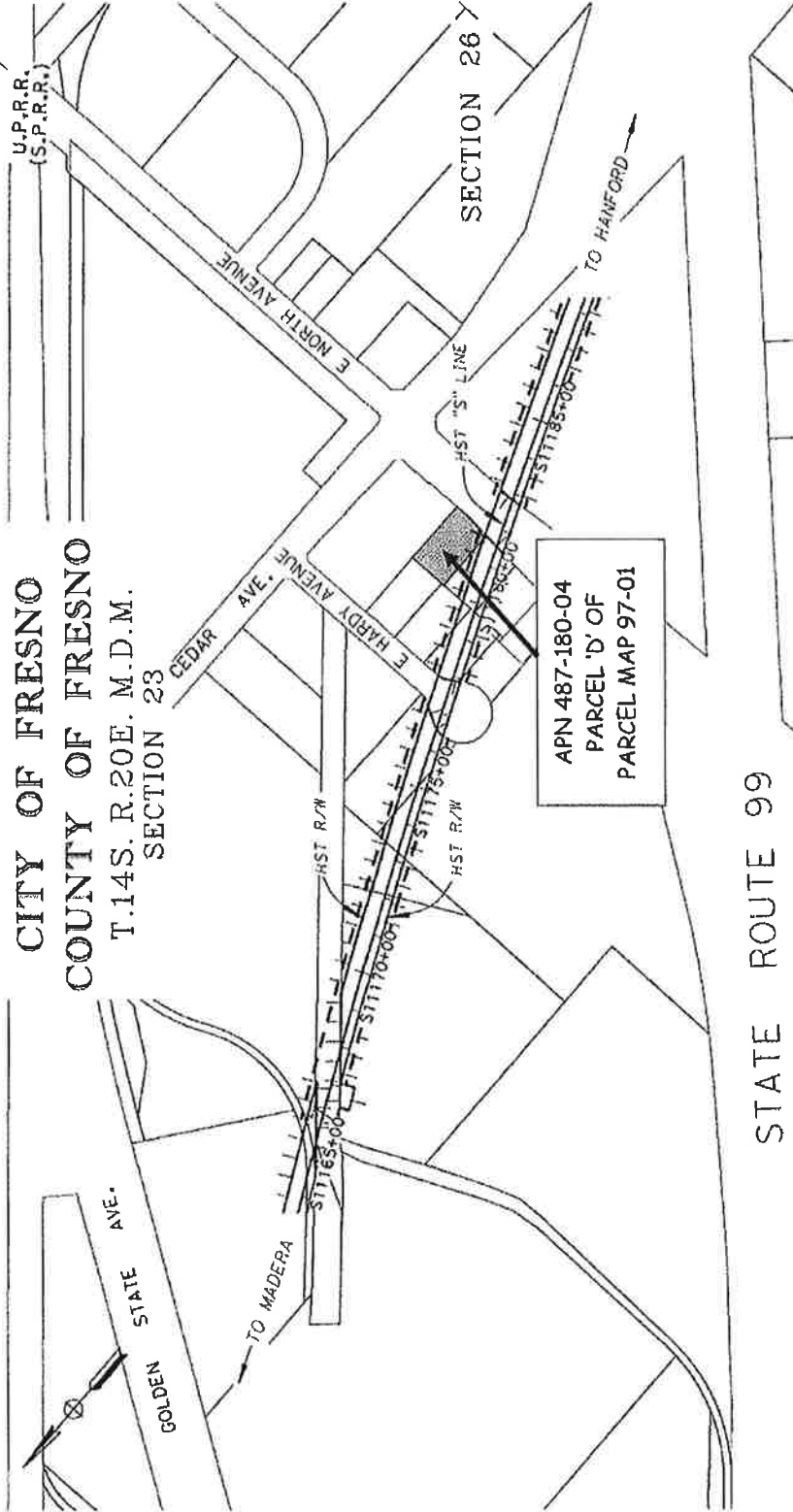
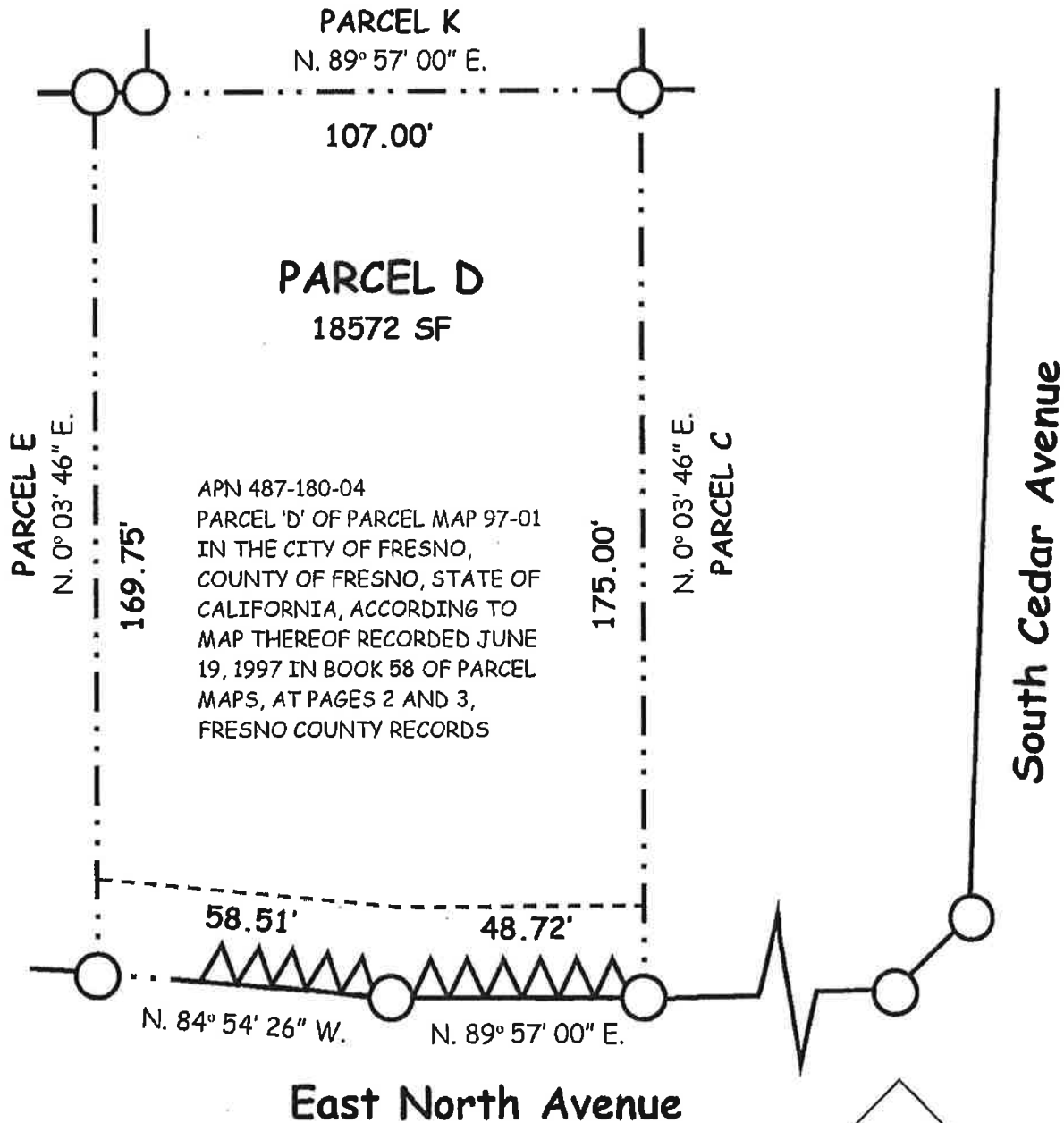


EXHIBIT "A"

△ DENOTES EXISTING "RELINQUISHMENT
OF ACCESS RIGHTS" TO BE VACATED



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SCALE 1" = 30'-0"

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-014 (HSR)
Public Works File No. 12008**

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: Valdene Thomason, Reed Land Holdings, LLC.
7090 North Marks Ave, Suite 102
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PROJECT LOCATION: North side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue within
the City of Fresno

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work is the vacation of relinquishment of direct access
rights on the north side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar
Avenue to eliminate access restrictions and allow property owner
access to the property identified as Assessor Parcel Number 487-
180-04.

**This project is exempt under Sections 15301 Class 1(b, c) of the California Environmental Quality
Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

EXPLANATION: Section 15301. Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead
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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).

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the
CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Date: July 22, 2016

Prepared and Submitted By:
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