

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno Development & Resource Management Department
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Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. P19-00965

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Project Location: 98 East Shields Avenue, located on the southwest corner of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues within the city limits of Fresno

Project Location-City: City of Fresno

Project Location-County: County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Project proposes the installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues. The Fresno General Plan/MEIR has identified East Shields Avenue as an arterial-level street and North Harrison Avenue as a collector-level street. The work will include new traffic signal poles, conduit, detector loops, traffic signal controller cabinet, service cabinet, communication cabinet, pull boxes, conductors, concrete curb ramps, limited sidewalk reconstruction, minor signing and striping, and safety lights on the pole that will be brighter than standard City street lights.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Department of Public Works/Design Services

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, §15303/Class 3
☐ Statutory Exemption – PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt: The project 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. The project involves the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues involves negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jovi C. Torio, Professional Engineer **Telephone No.** 559-621-8790

Signature: Joann Zamora **Date:** March 8, 2019

Printed Name and Title: Planner I, Development and Resource Management Department.

☐ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by applicant

If filed/signed by applicant: Attach certified document of exemption finding ☐ (check if attached)

Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Attachments: Vicinity Map and Finding Memorandum

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-00965**

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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: Jovi C. Torio PE
City of Fresno Department of Public Works
Design Services and Special Projects
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
Fresno, California 93721-3615

PROJECT LOCATION: 98 East Shields Avenue, located on the southwest corner of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues within the city limits of Fresno (**Council District 1, Councilmember Esmeralda Soria**)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed is the installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues. The Fresno General Plan/MEIR has identified East Shields Avenue as an arterial-level street and North Harrison Avenue as a collector-level street. The work will include new traffic signal poles, conduit, detector loops, traffic signal controller cabinet, service cabinet, communication cabinet, pull boxes, conductors, concrete curb ramps, limited sidewalk reconstruction, minor signing and striping, and safety lights on the pole that will be brighter than standard City street lights.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15303/Class 3 of the State of 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. 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 proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Section 15303/Class3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to, water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

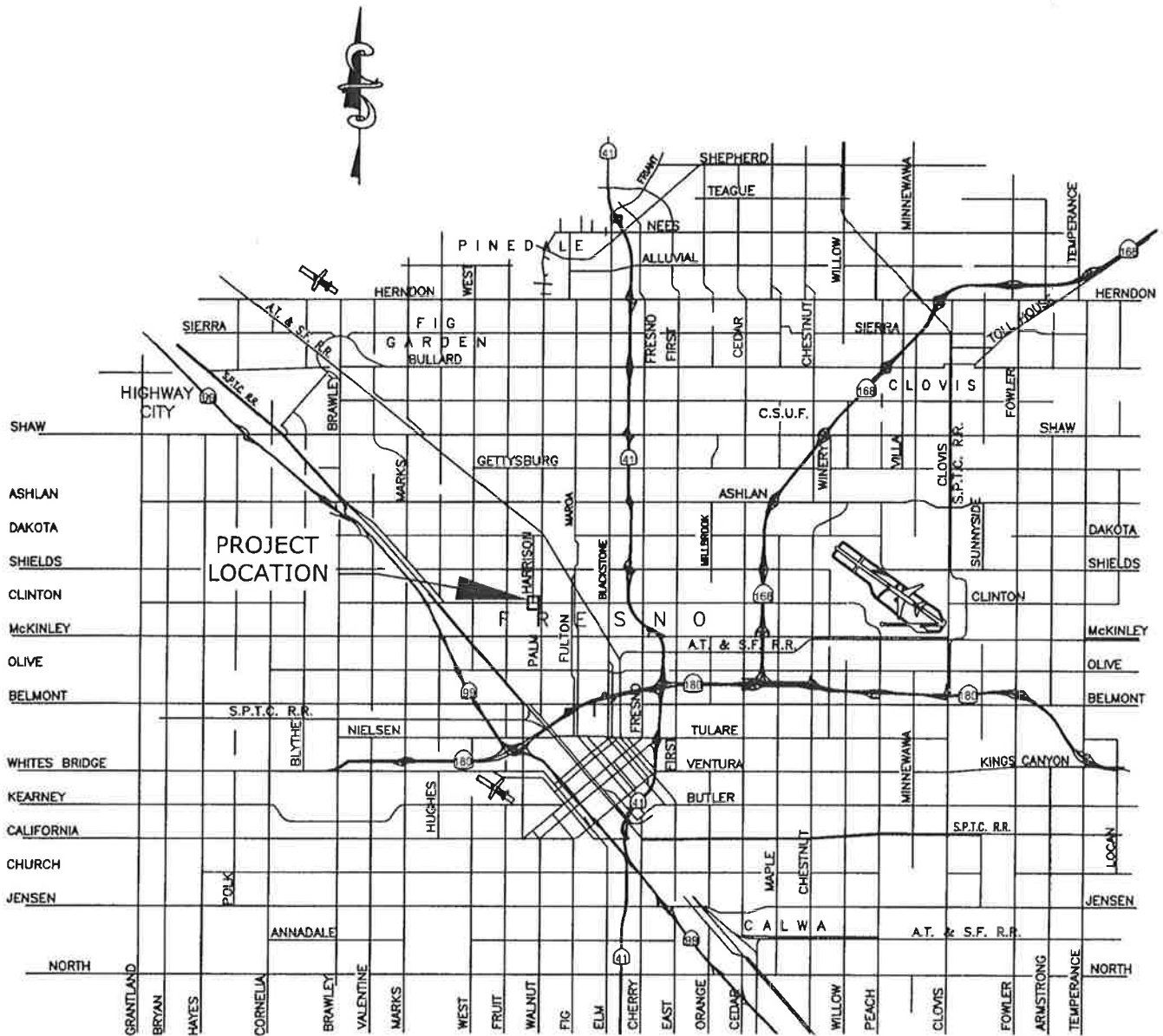
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The proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of East Shields and North Harrison Avenues meets the criteria noted above. Based on staff analysis, it has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will 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.

Date: March 8, 2019

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VICINITY MAP

NOT TO SCALE

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CITY OF FRESNO Department of Public Works

TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS
AT N. HARRISON AND
E. SHIELDS AVENUES

DR BY: JRT
CH. BY: _____
DATE: 02/27/19
SCALE: As Noted

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OF 1 SHEET