

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION NO. P21-04520**

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:** Kamaldeep Chahil  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** Northeast corner of the intersection of East Olive Avenue and  
North Van Ness Avenue.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The applicant proposes to make upgrades to the existing transit stop to improve accessibility. The proposed improvements include widening the sidewalk, adding additional shelters for passengers, adding paint and striping to the street for a bike lane and bus lane, and relocating impacted utilities.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1, and Section 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when 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 existing or former use. The types of "existing facilities" include existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

The proposed transit stop upgrades will improve the existing sidewalk, ADA accessibility curb ramp, bus stop, and bicycle lane. The widening of the sidewalk will decrease obstructions currently present from the existing bus stop and allow for better pedestrian flow. The upgrades will also create a less steep street grade on the northeast side and install a larger ADA accessible curb ramp to promote accessibility and safety. The upgrades will also improve the dedicated bike lane with an enhanced paint scheme to promote safety. The upgrades will also create a dedicated bus lane within the existing width of the street through striping and painting to promote safety between buses and personal vehicles.

Under Section 15302/Class 2, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements when the project consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. This includes the

replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The proposed transit stop upgrades will replace the existing bus shelters with new bus shelters at the project site. The new shelters will have substantially the same purpose as the existing shelters and will not result in a more than negligible expansion of the current capacity. The proposed transit stop upgrades will also remove the existing Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District (FMFCD) type "D" Inlet and replace it with a new type "D" inlet. It will be connected to the existing 18-inch storm drain. The upgrades will also improve the street with a new bus pad to better support the tonnage of buses.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to the project. Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. A categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project and the area is not environmentally sensitive.

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