

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00920**

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:** Steve Delsid  
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**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Intersection of Blythe Avenue and Gates Avenue in  
Fresno, California

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The City of Fresno Department of Public Works is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of Blythe Avenue and Gates Avenue. The proposed project will signalize and slurry the intersection. A portion of the existing curb, gutter, and sidewalk at a portion of the intersection corners of the project location will be replaced. The construction of this job will all be within the City of Fresno limits.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

**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 below 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 negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Specifically included in this class of exemption are:

(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); and

d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

The proposed project to make improvements to the intersection of Blythe Avenue and Gates Avenue will rehabilitate the intersection without increasing roadway capacity. No additional traffic or associated traffic impacts will result from the proposed improvements. The project is

consistent with the Fresno General Plan and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 of the California CEQA Guidelines. Fifteen

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.

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