

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW12454**

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.

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PROJECT LOCATION: South Golden State Boulevard, south of San Benito Street, between
“G” Street and “F” Street (See attached Feasibility Study Exhibit)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work for the proposed project includes the vacation of a portion of right of way along South Golden State Boulevard, south of San Benito Street, between “G” Street and “F” Street. The total area proposed to be vacated is approximately 0.47 acres (\pm 20,567 square feet). Based on a review of the proposed project by other City of Fresno Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is approved with conditions as noted in the letter from the City of Fresno Public Works Department, dated July 17, 2019.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Sections 15302/Class 2 (Reconstruction or Replacement) 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 falls within this categorical exemptions since it is altering the location of an existing block wall for the same use.

Section 15302 (Class 2/Reconstruction or Replacement) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, consists of 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 project falls within this categorical exemptions since it is replacing and reconstructing an

existing block wall for the same 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 falls within this categorical exemptions since the relocation and reconstruction of an existing block wall is a minor alteration of the land for the same 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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