

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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: City of Fresno
Department of Public Works
Street Maintenance Division
2101 "G" Street, Building E
Fresno, CA 93706

PROJECT LOCATION(S):

1. Dakota-Shields-First-Fresno Neighborhood
2. Fruit Avenue – Clinton Avenue to Dakota Avenue
3. Cesar Chavez-Maple-Huntington-Chestnut Neighborhood
4. Rialto-Marks-Norwich-Valentine Neighborhood
5. Shields-Crystal-Clinton-Hughes Neighborhood
6. Browning-Bullard-Millbrook-Ninth Neighborhood
7. First Street - Sierra Avenue to Herndon Avenue
8. Echo Avenue – McKinley Avenue to Olive Avenue

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno (City) seeks to award a construction contract for the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing streets and sidewalks in eight locations within the City of Fresno. The scope of this project is to restore deteriorated street pavement and sidewalks to their original condition. This project scope includes the reconstruction of pavement through milling and paving, the reconstruction of damaged sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, and the reconstruction of concrete curb ramps to ensure ADA compliance.

This project is exempt under Section(s) 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2, and 15304/Class 4 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Class 1 exemptions, for projects pertaining to Existing Facilities, consist 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. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; existing highways and streets,

sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); Rehabilitation of existing facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety; and, the Addition of safety or health protection devices for use in conjunction with existing facilities, including navigational devices.

Class 2 exemptions, for projects involving Replacement or Reconstruction, consist 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. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and, Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution systems to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

Class 4 exemptions, for projects involving Minor Alterations to Land, consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include but are not limited to: Grading of land with a slope of less than 10 percent; Filling of earth into previously excavated land with compatible materials; Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; and the creation of bicycle lanes on existing right-of-way.

This project will rehabilitate roadways, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters to achieve a higher level of public and pedestrian safety. The street improvements listed in the project description involve negligible or no expansion. The street improvements will not expand the width of the roadways.

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.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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