

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00908**

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
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Intersection of Fresno Street and Browning Avenue within the jurisdiction of the City of Fresno.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno Department of Public Works proposes making improvements to the intersection of Fresno Street and Browning Avenue. The project will provide a new traffic signal, curb, gutter, the replacement and addition of accessible ramps at three location within the intersection, and sidewalk and driveway reconstruction on the westerly side of Fresno Street. The proposed construction will require minor acquisitions of rights-of-way at 5607 N Fresno Street, 41805025, 5665 N Fresno Street, 41805060, and 5515 N Fresno Street, 41845030, on the west side of Fresno Street and 5550 N Fresno Street, 41802107, on the east side of Fresno Street all in an effort to reconstruct the sidewalk.

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 rights-of-way.

The proposed project involves minor alteration to the rights-of-way with intersection improvements to improve public safety (vehicles and pedestrians) at the intersection of Fresno Street and Browning Avenue. No vegetation will be removed.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2, and 15304/Class 4 of the California CEQA Guidelines. 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.

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

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