

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01005**

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: All 16 Intersections within Clovis Avenue from Shields Avenue
to American Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno Department of Public Works is proposing improvements to the intersections within Clovis Avenue at Shields, Clinton, McKinley, Olive, State Route 180, Belmont, Tulare, Kings Canyon, Butler, California, Church, Jensen, North, Central, and American Avenue. The proposed action is primarily a transit prioritization project. The project will improve the traffic signal's way of detecting vehicles and pedestrians in the vicinity. All 16 intersections will be improved through a mixture of traffic signal loop detection installation, new underground cables and pullboxes, new modules along the traffic signal arms, and reconstruction of sidewalk and pedestrian travel surfaces to facilitate full accessibility. Construction will occur within City limits and extend outside of City limits through the County of Fresno and the Caltrans right-of-way.

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;

(f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

The proposed project to make improvements to these 16 intersections will improve public safety without increasing roadway capacity. No additional traffic or associated traffic impacts will result from the proposed improvements. The project is consistent with the City of Fresno General Plan and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 of the California CEQA Guidelines.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Furthermore, there is not a reasonable possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Accordingly, the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review under CEQA.

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