

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW12149**

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: North Parkway Drive and a pedestrian easement south of West Weldon Avenue (See attached Exhibit)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of work for the proposed project includes the vacation of a portion of North Parkway Drive and a pedestrian easement south of West Weldon Avenue. To total area proposed to be vacated is approximately 0.32 acres (\pm 13,971 square feet). This portion of North Parkway Drive proposed for vacation has been realigned by the State Route 99 realignment project associated with the California High Speed Rail construction. Based on a review of the proposed project by other City of Fresno Departments and outside reviewing agencies, the vacation is approved without conditions.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) 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). The City of Fresno will not make any physical changes to this public street. The City will only be vacating a portion of a public street and pedestrian easements that are no longer necessary for public use which qualifies for this categorical exemption.

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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