

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01063**

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: Wishon Avenue and Cortland Avenue, Fresno, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno Department of Public Works is proposing to make improvements to the intersection of Wishon Avenue and Cortland Avenue. The proposed project is limited and will modify the existing by changing the way the pedestrian and vehicular traffic is handled. This local street intersection is currently handled by a two stop signs and will be altered to the installation of a mini-roundabout. The improvements will be limited to demolition and reconstruction of roadway asphalt and new sidewalk, to improve all forms of traffic. These changes will not move traffic from the currently location, will not modify any right of way, or any fence material within the project limits, and remove one small tree currently where the sidewalk shall be place.

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 other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes).

The proposed mini-roundabout at the intersection of Wishon Avenue and Cortland Avenue will not alter any rights-of-way within the improvements. The proposed changes will improve public

safety at this intersection for vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle traffic. The proposed intersection reconfiguration improvements consist of reducing the width of the travel lanes by removing and reconstructing the intersection roadway. The proposed alteration does not include expansions of existing use. Thus, the project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301/Class 1.

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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