

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-17-004 (PW00768)**

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:** Jim Polsgrove
City of Fresno, Public Works Department
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721
- PROJECT LOCATION:** The Intersection of North Chestnut and East Shields Avenues, within the City and County of Fresno.
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** As a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funded project, the City of Fresno Public Works Department is proposing to install protected left-turn phasing which involves installing new signal arms and poles at the intersection of Chestnut and Shields Avenues. The project also includes installing ADA compliant ramps on the southwest and northwest corners and utility relocation on the southwest corner. The proposed traffic signalization project at this intersection includes the acquisition of a portion of the southwest corner property frontages (APN 447-061-13).

This project is exempt under Sections 15301(c)/Class 1 and 15304/Class 4 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Under the **Section 15301/Class 1(c)** exemption, the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities, such as highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters and similar facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at this time, are exempt from CEQA requirements. The proposed project consists of right of way intersection improvements such as new traffic signals, vehicle detection devices, ADA curb/ramp, sidewalk, asphalt pavement and a crosswalk.

Under the **Section 15304/Class 4** exemption, minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, and scenic trees are exempt from CEQA requirements. The acquisition of privately-owned property frontage at the southwest corner of the intersection will be altered to meet ADA requirements and provide related improvements.

The above described project complies with the conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1(c) and Section 15304/Class 4 of the CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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