

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-039**

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 – Public Works Department
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, California 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Fairview Trail Project is located within two segments. The north-south segment initiates at the corner of East Florence and South Fairview Avenues, runs south to East Belgravia and South Fairview Avenues. The east-west segment is located from East Belgravia and South Fairview Avenues through Hinton Park and into the East Belgravia Avenue Cul-de-Sac just west of South Lee Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, proposes reconstruction of Fairview Trail within the boundaries of Edison High School and Hinton Park near East Belgravia and South Fairview Avenues. Approximately one-half of the trail segments is on Fresno Unified School District property and one-half on City Park property. The proposed improvements include: (1) Replacement of existing pathway; (2) Installation of a new pathway lighting system; and, (3) Associated trenching and minor earthmoving as needed to facilitate the project. No land acquisition will be required and no public utilities will be required to be relocated. Title 24 Energy Calculations for outside, non-residential lighting will be submitted to the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1, Section 15302/Class 2 and 15304/Class 4 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.

Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines, exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting or minor alterations of existing public or private structures or facilities 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 highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails and other similar public facilities (including road grading for the purposes of public safety); restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities or mechanical equipment; and, maintenance of existing landscaping, native growth, and water supply.

Section 15302/Class 2 of the CEQA Guidelines, exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure and/or facility will be located on the same site as the those replaced and will have substantially the same purpose.

Section 15304/Class 4 of the CEQA Guidelines, exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples include, but are not limited to, filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site; and, minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

The proposed project consists of new paving and installation of a new pathway lighting system within the City limits and within existing public trails rights-of-way for restorative purposes in a manner which is consistent with local and State regulatory requirements, goals, objectives and policies. No adverse environmental impacts are expected to occur as a result of the proposed project.

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