

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SFD0700**

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
Facilities Management Division
2101 G Street, Bldg. C
Fresno, CA 93706

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located on the southeast corner of Tulare Street and Santa Fe Avenue, with an address of 2650 Tulare Street (APN: 46816705T and 46816704T).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project remediation will be divided into two phases.

Phase I will focus on street side improvements such as curb ramps and the exterior path of travel from the passenger drop off zone to the front entrance of the facility.

Phase II will focus on platform side improvements. This includes the parking lot, exterior path of travel from designated accessible parking spaces to the train platform, and exterior of paths of travel from Santa Fe and Tulare Avenues to the platform.

The Santa Fe Depot is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is included in the local and state registries. As such, site remediation that impacts the historic features is subject to approval of the local and state Historic Preservation Commissions.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Staff performed a preliminary environmental assessment of the project and determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemptions set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301- Class 1 (Minor alteration to existing facilities), which exempts the repair and maintenance of existing facilities that involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use, and Section 15302/Class 2 (Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities), which exempts the replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity.

The proposed project is consistent with Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because the project proposes improvements to existing public facilities to reconstruct pavement, install curb ramps to meet ADA regulations, and add signage and platform side improvement, which includes the parking lot, exterior path of travel from designated accessible parking spaces to the train platform, and exterior of paths of travel from Santa Fe and Tulare Avenues to the platform. These proposed improvements do not constitute an expansion of use and will improve the public right-of-way

without increasing road capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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