

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Department of Public Works  
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Fresno, California 93721-4016

**TO:**  Fresno County Clerk  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
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**Project Title:** N. Blackstone Avenue and N. Abby Street Corridors (from E. Divisadero St. to E. Olive Ave.) Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Adaptive, PW00809

**Project Location:** N. Blackstone Avenue and N. Abby Street Corridors (from E. Divisadero St. to E. Olive Ave.)

**Project Location – City:** City of Fresno      **Project Location – County:** County of Fresno

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** This project will install ITS infrastructure, including conduits, conductors/cables, pull boxes, termination of fiber optic cables, communication cabinets, service cabinets, traffic signal cabinets, networking equipment, cameras, signal loop detectors, as well as the upgrade of affected concrete curb ramps. The project will provide the corridor with the necessary ITS infrastructure improvements for the deployment of an adaptive traffic synchronization system.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno – Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Engineer of Record/Project Manager/A.D. (Applicant)

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial: PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
- Declared Emergency: PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
- Emergency Project: PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1, §15304/Class 4 and 15332/Class 32
- Statutory Exemption: PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Staff has performed a preliminary environmental assessment of this project and has determined that it falls within the Categorical Exemption set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) Class 1 (existing facilities) which exempts projects involving a negligible or no expansion of an existing facility. This exemption applies because this project involves improving efficiency of an existing roadway through coordinating the operation of existing traffic signals to reduce congestion without expansion of the roadway. The project will install conductor cables in existing conduits; will install communication equipment in existing cabinets; will install wiring in existing signal cabinets, and will install signal loop detectors on existing pavement as required. Staff determined under the CEQA Guidelines this project fits within the definition of existing facilities in Section 15301(c) Class 1, as Categorically Exempt from further CEQA review.

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Furthermore, Staff has determined that none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jovi R. Torio **Telephone No.** (559) 621-8790

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name and Title:**

Jovi R. Torio, Professional Engineer  
Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by applicant**