

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT APPLICATION NO. P19-03639**

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(S):** City of Fresno, Department of Public Works  
C/O John Honey, Professional Engineer  
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Fresno, California 93721-3604

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The intersection of North Palm and West Barstow Avenues.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Fresno, Department of Public works proposes traffic signal modifications and upgrades to provide left turn signalization for all approaches at the intersection of North Palm and West Barstow Avenues. Other improvements include new ADA compliant curb ramps, sidewalk, curb, and gutter, street lights, ITS equipment, signage, and striping. Minor asphalt work will be included to conform to the new sidewalk, curb, and gutter.

**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities), Section 15302/Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and Section 15303/Class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:**

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts, from the provisions of CEQA, project consisting 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 existing use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Examples include but are not limited to: existing highways and streets, sidewalks, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

Section 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction) consists of 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 as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to, water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed traffic signal modifications, left turn signalization upgrades for all approaches of N. Palm and W. Barstow Avenues, and related improvements including, ADA compliant curb ramps, sidewalk, curb, and gutter, street lights, ITS equipment, signage, and striping, involve negligible or no expansion of existing use. The proposed project will not add or remove any travel lanes. Furthermore, modifications and upgrades to existing structures and facilities, such as traffic signals and signal equipment, will be located on the same site as the existing structures and facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity. Proposed modifications, upgrades, and improvements are minor and made on the exterior of the existing structures and facilities.

The proposed project meets the criteria noted above. It has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, categorical exemptions, as noted above, have been prepared for the project.

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