

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Capital Projects Department  
747 R Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Fresno, California 93721

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

Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

**Project Title:** TS Barstow and Bond (PW01002)

**Project Location:** Barstow Avenue. from ±250ft west of Bond to ±100ft west of N. 4th Street and the intersection of E. Barstow Avenue and N. First Street.

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project will be installed at the intersection of E. Barstow Avenue (Collector) and N. Bond Street (Local street) (north leg) and at the intersection of E. Barstow Avenue and N. First Street and will provide dedicated phasing to control right-of-way for pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles. The project will include the installation of a new traffic signal at an existing unsignalized crossing, pedestrian countdown heads, Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS), curb ramps, slurry seal, streetlights, median nose reconstruction, bicycle detection, and enhanced bicycle striping at the E. Barstow Avenue and N. Bond Street intersection and installation of wireless communications equipment at the intersection of E. Barstow Avenue (Collector) and N. First Street (Arterial). These improvements will result in a more complete street for all users.

The project will benefit the community by improving the school crossing safety at the proposed location.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno – Capital Projects Department, Design Services Division

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Jason Miller  
City of Fresno  
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**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 and §15302/Class 2
- Statutory Exemption: PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects 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 use beyond that existing at the time of

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the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized below are not intended to be all-inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. An example of this exemption includes existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Section 15302/Class 2 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: water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed project is consistent with Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because the project is proposing to make improvements to existing sidewalk/ramps and reinstall signage and striping. The proposed improvements are minor, 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.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Jason Miller **Telephone No.** (559) 621-8653

**Signature:** Jason Miller **Date:** 4/1/24

**Printed Name and Title:**

Jason Miller, PE, Licensed Professional Engineer  
Capital Projects Department, Design Services Division

**Signed by Lead Agency**

**Signed by applicant**

**Attachments:** Categorical Exemption Determination

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01002**

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:** Jason Miller, PE  
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(City of Fresno Council District 4)

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**This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 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.**

**EXPLANATION:**

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Date: April 1, 2024

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