

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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.

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PROJECT TITLE: North Avenue Sewer Trunk Realignment

PROJECT LOCATIONS: North Avenue; from west of Golden State Boulevard to
Maple Avenue

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Installation of approximately 400 linear feet (LF) of 66-inch fiberglass reinforced polymer mortar pipe (FRPMP) parallel to the existing 57-inch pipeline, approximately 415 LF of steel casing containing FRPMP underneath the Golden State Boulevard overpass, manholes, and diversion structures to safely convey the 11.5 million gallons of daily wastewater to the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

The Project is exempt under Section 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Section 15302(c)/Class 2 (Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines consists of the replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

The existing sewer trunk main in North Avenue conveys an average of 11.5 million gallons of wastewater per day to the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility. The Project entails the construction of 400 LF of FRPMP and 415 LF of steel casing containing FRPMP to bypass the existing 57-inch pipeline and replace the existing failing diversion structures, which will result in negligible to no expansion of capacity. The replacement sewer trunk will be constructed on the same local site, offset and parallel to the existing alignment.

This Project also consists of replacement of small equipment and the reconstruction of existing small structures where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the

structure. The installation of 400 LF of FRPMP and 415 LF of steel casing containing FRPMP, manholes, diversion structures, and replacement of street asphalt due to the trenching will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as originally intended. Thus, the entirety of the Project is exempt under Section 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2, apply:

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| (a) Location | The Project is not located in a sensitive environment or an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern as designated by federal, state, or local agencies. |
| (b) Cumulative Impact | The Project will not have a cumulative negative impact over time that is significant. The installation of a 66-inch sewer trunk main would allow for continued operations. |
| (c) Significant Effect | The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. |
| (d) Scenic Highways | The Project will not result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. The Project is not located near scenic highways. |
| (e) Hazardous Waste Sites | The Project is not located on a hazardous waste site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. |
| (f) Historical Resources | The Project will not cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. The Project is limited to North Avenue which is not a historical resource. |

Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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