

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-18-001**

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 LOCATION: West Audubon Drive between West Nees and North Maroa Avenues
– See Exhibit A

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to reconstruct West Audubon Drive north of West Nees Avenue and eliminate the sharp turn in West Audubon Drive that exists today. The project will create a smooth radius in West Audubon Drive and acquire the right-of-way to achieve this. The project will include slight changes to the existing striping plan, relocation of all affected utilities and existing street lighting. The project will also restore all affected drive approaches.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301, 15302 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the 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 the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

Section 15302 (Class 2/Replacement or Reconstruction) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new facilities will be located on the same site as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facility replaced. Examples include but are not limited to replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15304 (Class 4/Minor Alterations to Land) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

The proposed project includes the minor alternation and relocation of the existing West Audubon Drive turn just north of West Nees Avenue. This minor land alteration will create a smoother radius and maintain consistency with the Fresno General Plan. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. 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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Exhibit A

