

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-03053**

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: Jon Bartel
City of Fresno
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PROJECT LOCATION: East Olive Avenue, between North Roosevelt and North Yosemite
Avenues (See attached Exhibit "A")

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno Public Works Department has identified a need for streetscape restoration along Olive Avenue from Roosevelt to Yosemite Avenues. The applicant is proposing the streetscape restoration project to include the construction of high visibility crosswalks, curb extensions, widened sidewalks, new landscaping, minimized driveway curb cuts and median island repair. The design and improvements will be completed in accordance with the Tower District Specific Plan Design Guidelines. Approximately one quarter mile of Olive Avenue is in need of streetscape restoration.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2 and 15304/Class 4 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: Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, 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 the lead agency's determination. Examples include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, 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 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the 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.

Section 15304/Class 4 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/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

The proposed restoration of the above-described land meets the criteria noted above. There is no substantial evidence in the record that any of the exceptions to these Categorical Exemptions, set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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- Olive Avenue Improvements**
1. Newer utility on the left
 2. High quality pedestrian crosswalks
 3. Utility relocation to the right of the street
 4. Utility relocation to the right of the street
 5. New lighting on the right of the street
 6. New lighting on the right of the street
 7. New lighting on the right of the street
 8. New lighting on the right of the street
 9. New lighting on the right of the street

- Legend**
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Olive Avenue Streetscape From Roosevelt to Yosemite - PW00795