

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-01537**

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: 5175 East Clinton Way; Located north of McKinley Avenue and east of Clinton Way. (APN: 494-071-78T)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project converts a 300-stall section of an existing surface vehicle parking lot to a 900-stall multilevel parking structure. Also included is surface vehicle circulation and wayfinding improvements.

This project is exempt under Section 15332/Class 32 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Under Section 15332/Class 32, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Section 15332/Class 32 consists of projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the following conditions: (a) The project is consistent with the applicable general plan designation and all applicable general plan policies as well as with applicable zoning designation and regulations. (b) The proposed development occurs within city limits on a project site of no more than five acres substantially surrounded by urban uses. (c) The project has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. (e) The site can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

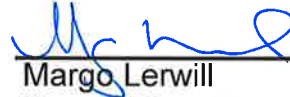
The project proposes the conversion of approximately 2 acres of existing surface parking to a multi-level parking structure. The airport use with associated parking is consistent with the Fresno General Plan policies and planned land use designation of Public Facility – Airport as well as the zone district IL + PI (Light Industrial + Public and Institutional). The portion of the property where the project is located is zoned PI. The project is located within an infill area, defined by the Fresno General Plan as being located within the City on December 31, 2012, and is substantially surrounded by urban uses. The total area for the development of new parking is less than five acres. Fresno Yosemite International airport is an active high-traffic site with impervious asphalt and concrete pavement functioning as vehicular parking, entirely surrounded by urban and airport development having no value as a habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects

relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality, in an existing airport area adjacent to a busy arterial roadway, East McKinley Avenue. The site is already adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

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, as the area is not environmentally sensitive, as noted above, a categorical exemption has been prepared for the project.

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