

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. SB00109**

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: City of Fresno
Department of Public Works
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Shields Avenue, from Parkway Drive to Brawley Avenue within the jurisdiction of the City of Fresno.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno Department of Public Works is making improvements along West Shields Avenue, from the occurrence of North Parkway Drive to North Brawley Avenue, amounting to approximately 4,700 feet, as the existing roadway along this area is in need of improvements to increase the safety of the driver and the walker. The project consists of grinding the repaving existing roadway asphalt, filling in gaps of roadway, bike lanes, sidewalk, and streetlight improvements were missing along this segment. A part of the roadway segment improvements includes acquiring missing minor right-of-way for approximately 625 feet of the roadway improvement segment. The proposed right-of-way acquisition occurs at 3051 N Mosswood Drive, APN 433-09-023S, on the north side of Shields Avenue, all in an effort to construct and complete the existing roadway and sidewalk improvements.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15332/Class 32 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 Existing Facilities, for projects involving Minor Alterations to Land, consists 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 the existing or former use. Such as (c) An example includes minor alterations to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities, including but not limited to the installation of bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes. The proposed project includes roadway reconstruction, roadway improvements, and acquisition of right-of-way along existing roadways and would not result in the addition of through vehicle lanes or otherwise change the vehicle capacity of the roadways. Further, the project would result in negligible and/or minor alterations to existing land uses on the parcels proposed for acquisition. The

project improvements would not increase capacity and the project would not result in potentially significant environmental impacts associated with its location, cumulative impacts, scenic resources, hazardous waste sites, historical resources, energy demand, otherwise have the potential to result in a significant effect.

Section 15332/Class 32 In-Fill Development Projects, for projects characterized as in-fill development meeting the conditions described in (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, and (d) Approval of the project would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality, or water quality. The proposed project includes roadway reconstruction, improvements, and acquisition of right-of-way along the existing roadway all within existing land and improvements and does not deviate from the general plan the City has had for many years nor will the project alter any affects to the traffic, noise, or any roadway quality but improvement the quality of all existing surfaces along this roadway.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in 15301/Class 1 and 15332/Class 32 of the California CEQA Guidelines. 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.

No adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project.

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