

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno
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TO: Fresno County Clerk
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Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research SCH NO.: N/A
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Project Title: Ashlan & Shields Ped Countdown Heads, PW01066

Project Location: Ashlan Avenue, Valentine Avenue to Peach Avenue and Shields Avenue, Blackstone Avenue to Fowler Avenue. (Council Districts 1, 4, 7)

Project Location – City: City of Fresno **Project Location – County:** County of Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes replacing existing pedestrian signal heads with new countdown pedestrian signal heads and adjusting pedestrian signal head mounting equipment to meet ADA clearance requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Fresno – Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Andrew Guthrie, PE, City of Fresno, Capital Projects Department

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial: PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268
 Declared Emergency: PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)
 Emergency Project: PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)
 Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1, §15304/Class 4 and 15332/Class 32
 Statutory Exemption: PRC § _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) 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 existing or former use. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The Key considerations whether the project involves negligible or no expansion use.

Specifically included in the class of exemption are:

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The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 exemption because the project is proposing to make improvements to existing traffic signals. The proposed improvements are minor, do not constitute an expansion of use, and will improve the public right-of-way without increasing road capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Andrew Guthrie, PE

Telephone No. (559) 621-8790

Signature:  _____

Date: _____ 11/26/24

Printed Name and Title:

Andrew Guthrie, PE, hLicensed Professional Engineer
Capital Projects Department, Design Services

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by applicant

Attachments: Categorical Exemption Determination

CITY OF FRESNO
CERTIFIED DOCUMENT OF EXEMPTION FINDING
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01066

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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EXPLANATION:

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Date: November 19, 2024

Prepared By: Andrew Guthrie, PE

Submitted By: Andrew Guthrie, PE
Certified by the City of Fresno

