

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00980**

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: Barstow Avenue, Marks Avenue to Willow Avenue, Butler Avenue, Hazelwood Boulevard to Peach Avenue, Cedar/Champlain Avenue, Jensen Avenue to Valley Oak Elementary, Clovis Avenue, Jensen Avenue to Shields Avenue, McKinley Avenue, West Avenue to Clovis Avenue, West Avenue, Clinton Avenue to Herndon Avenue, Ashlan Avenue, Cornelia Avenue to Blythe Avenue, California/Ventura Avenue, Fresno Street to C Street, Elm Avenue, North Avenue to California Avenue, and Jensen Avenue and Cherry Avenue.

(City of Fresno Council District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6)
(County of Fresno)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, is proposing to upgrade pedestrian heads at 89 intersections with countdown traffic signal heads.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and Section 15302/Class 2 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, licensing, 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. 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 consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. An example of this exemption includes 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 consists of 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, including but not limited to: water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed project is consistent with Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions 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.

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