

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P18-00928 (EA-18-928) - PW00825**

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: Intersections of Fresno/L Streets and Tulare/L Streets within the jurisdiction of the City of Fresno. *(See attached project aerial diagrams)*

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: As an ATP (Active Transportation Plan) Downtown Courthouse Park Interconnectivity Project, the City of Fresno Public Works Department is proposing to install two traffic signals with accessible pedestrian countdown heads and vibrotactile push button devices. Pedestrian ramps at these intersections will also be upgraded as needed to facilitate greater accessibility. The two highly traversed intersections located to the northwest and southeast of Courthouse Park in downtown Fresno have un-signalized crosswalks.

There are bus stops and activity centers in the area which include: park, county library, social services, school district offices, county offices, courthouses, law firms, general offices, restaurants and county health. These activity centers and bus stops draw the public downtown and are located within a 1/4 mile radius of the project. Pedestrian traffic is expected to increase in the project area based on the Bus Rapid Transit line and the planned High Speed Rail train station. Signalization of these intersections will increase pedestrian safety at these active transportation facilities and accessibility for pedestrians navigating the area.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1(c, f) and 15305/Class 5(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATIONS:

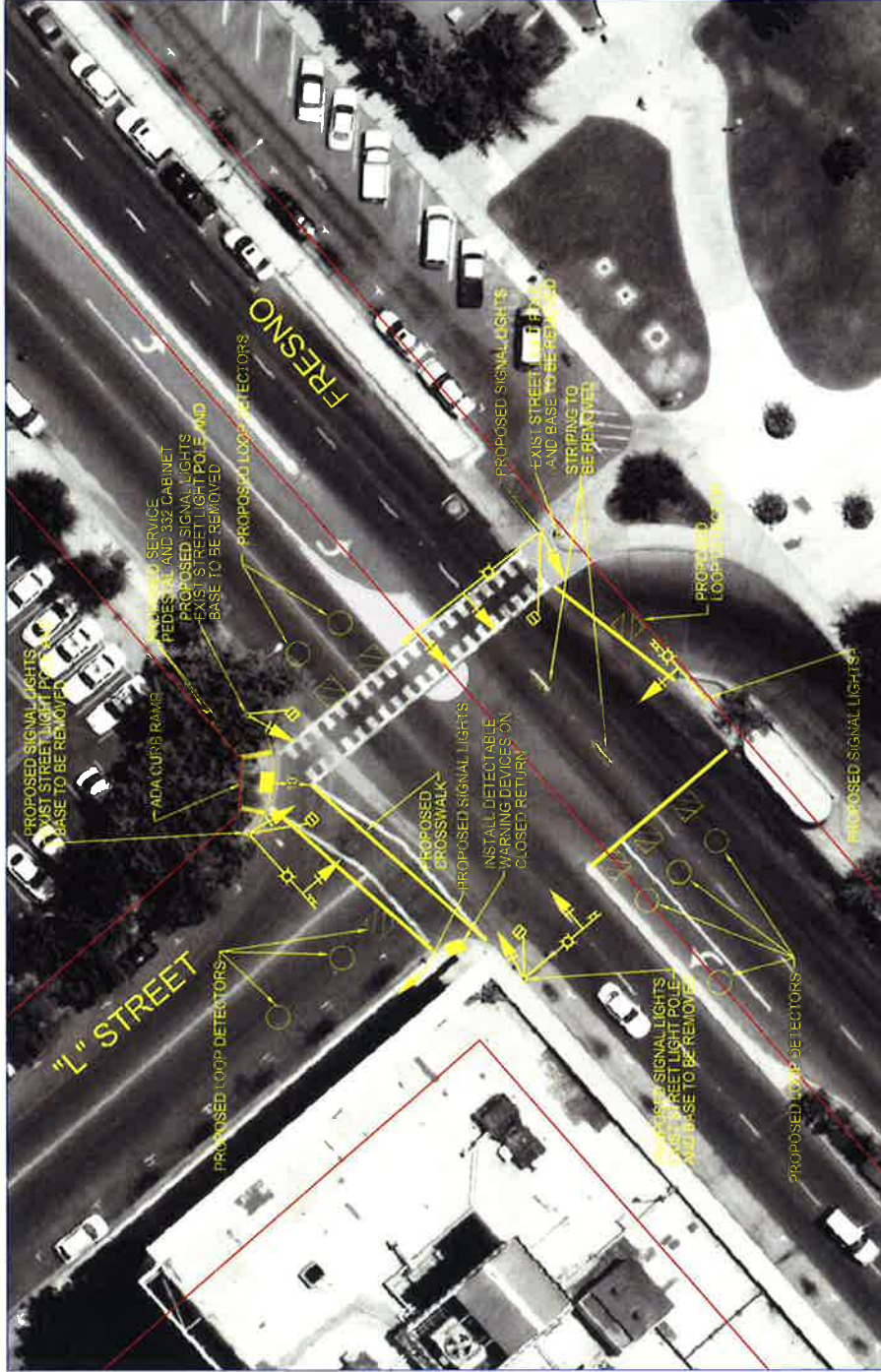
Section 15301/Class 1(c, f) Existing Facilities: consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public facilities, such as highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters and similar facilities, and the addition of safety or health protection devices in conjunction with existing structures and facilities involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing. The project consists of upgraded intersection improvements of the existing right-of-ways for improved public safety and access to and from Courthouse Park and to nearby transit facilities.

15305/Class 5 (b) Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations: in areas with an average slope of less than 20% which do not result in any changes in land use or density. The project may require the issuance of a minor encroachment permits and any necessary easements needed for the ADA compliant ramp improvements and pedestrian path of travel.

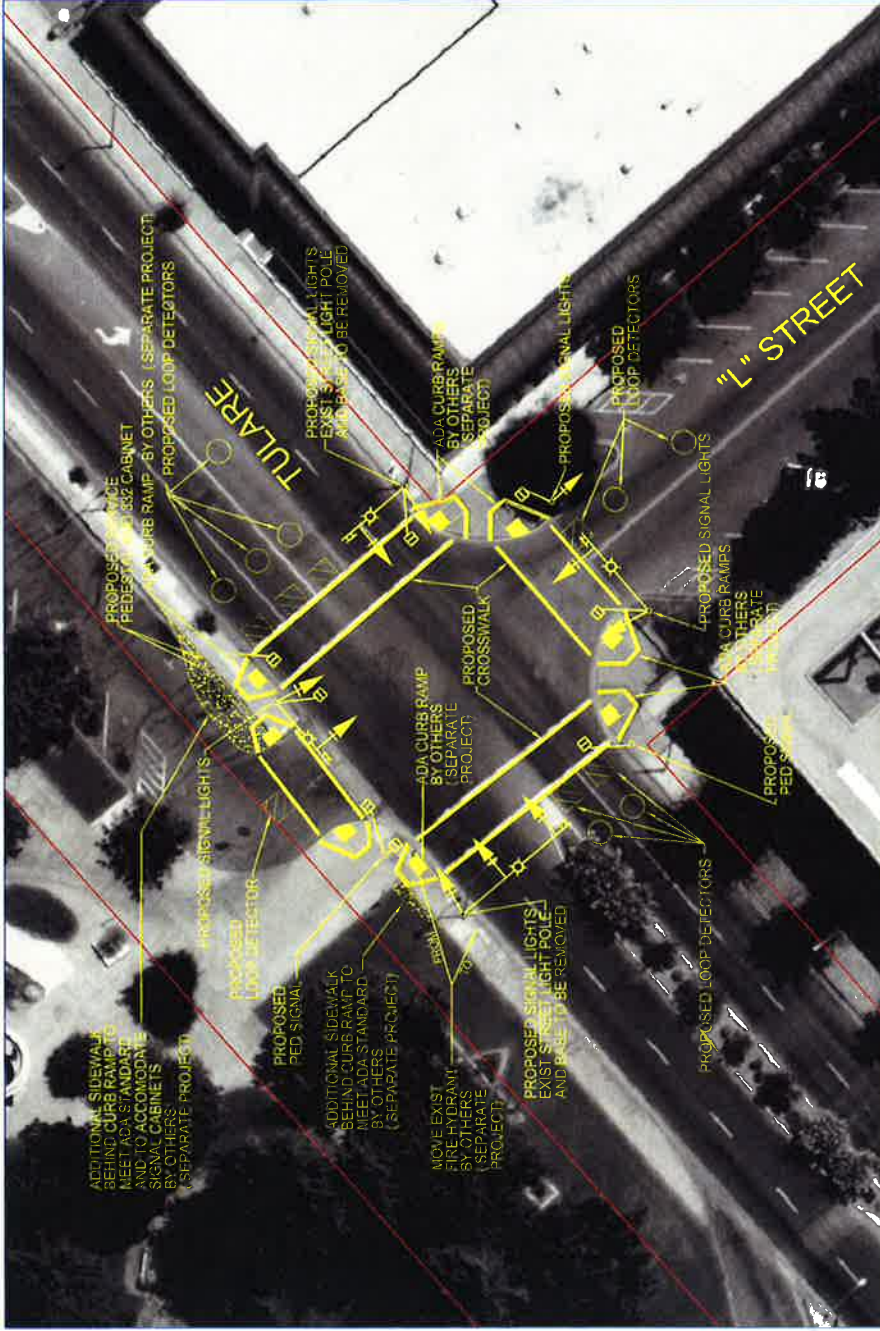
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SCALE: 1" = 30'



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