

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Department of Capital Projects  
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Fresno, California 93721-4016

**TO:**  Fresno County Clerk  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
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**Project Title:** Veterans Boulevard RW Project; Project (PW00669)

**Project Location:** North Golden State Boulevard and North Veterans Boulevard.

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, acquired vacant portions of various properties through an Agreement dated October 28, 2014, for Purchase and Sale of Real Property and Joint Escrow Instructions for the Veterans Boulevard Project. Through these agreements the property owners were granted the exclusive option to purchase property within the original boundaries of their property purchased by the City that would not be used as public right of way. Upon completion of the project the property owner has provided the City written intent on July 31, 2024, to exercise the option and purchase their property.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno – Department of Capital Projects

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Eduardo Vidales  
City of Fresno  
Capital Projects Department  
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Fresno, CA 93721

**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 §15061(b)(3)
- Statutory Exemption: PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) states that a project is not subject to CEQA if “the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.” Because the City is not aware or has knowledge on whether Abbey Transportation plans on building on the parcel as a result of the sale, then this project can be considered categorically exempt based on certainty that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

