

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-00261**

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: Eric Johnson
City of Fresno Department of Public Works
Design Services and Special Projects
2600 Fresno Street, Room 4016
Fresno, California 93721-3615

PROJECT LOCATION: 5333 North Gates Avenue, located at the intersection of North Gates and West San Jose Avenues within the city limits of Fresno (**Council District 2, Councilmember Steve Brandau**)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Proposed is the installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of North Gates and West San Jose Avenues, both of which are collector level streets as identified in the Fresno General Plan and MEIR . The work will include new traffic signal poles, conduit, detector loops, traffic signal controller cabinet, service cabinet, communication cabinet, pull boxes, conductors, concrete curb ramps, limited sidewalk reconstruction, minor signing and striping, and safety lights on the pole that will be brighter than standard City street lights.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and Section 15303/Class 3 of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. The types of "existing facilities" itemized are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of North Gates and West San Jose Avenues involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use.

Section 15303/Class3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to, water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction.

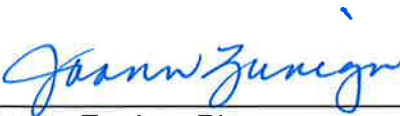
Categorical Exemption
Environmental Assessment No. P19-00261

The proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of North Gates and West San Jose Avenues, both of which are collector level streets as identified in the Fresno General Plan and MEIR, meets the criteria noted above. Based on staff analysis, it has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Date: February 1, 2019

Prepared By: Joann Zuniga

Submitted By:



Joann Zuniga, Planner
City of Fresno Department of
Development & Resource Management
(559) 621-8277