

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW00955**

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: The Intersections of Friant and Fort Washington, Friant and Champlain, Friant and Lakeview, Friant and Copper, and Friant and Copper River.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The City of Fresno Department of Public Works is proposing to make improvements to the intersections of Friant and Fort Washington, Friant and Champlain, Friant and Lakeview, Friant and Copper, and Friant and Copper River. The improvements to be made will only improve the traffic signal's way of detecting vehicles in the vicinity and the accessibility of pedestrian traveling surfaces. The improvements to happen at all five intersections include traffic signal loop detection installation, new traffic signal cabinet replacements, new underground conduit and cable replacements, installation of new cameras that view the intersection, and replacement of sidewalk and pedestrians traveling surfaces to make them fully accessible. The construction of this job will all be within the City of Fresno limits and none of the improvements will expand the capacity of the City roads or sidewalks.

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

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 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.

Specifically included in this class of exemption are:

(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety); and

d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that

the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood.

The proposed project is consistent with the Class 1 exemption because it will make improvements to the intersections of Friant and Forth Washington, Friant and Champlain, Friant and Lakeview, Friant and Copper, and Friant and Copper River that will rehabilitate the intersections without increasing roadway capacity. The improvements planned for all five intersections include traffic signal loop detection installation, traffic signal cabinet replacements, underground conduit and cable, installation of new cameras that view the intersection, and replacement of sidewalk and pedestrians traveling surfaces to make them fully accessible. This project will improve efficiency of existing roads by making improvements that will allow for the coordination of existing traffic signals. This will reduce congestion without expanding the roadway. No additional traffic or associated traffic impacts will result from the proposed improvements. The project is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 of the California CEQA Guidelines.


None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

Furthermore, the proposed project is not expected to have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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