

EXHIBIT G

CITY OF FRESNO – ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
FINDING OF CONFORMITY / MEIR NO. 10130/MND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT No.
EA-14-018
(AIR QUALITY MND)

Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resource Code (California Environmental Quality Act) the project described below is determined to be within the scope of the Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 prepared for the 2025 Fresno General Plan

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING:

Notice of Intent filed with the Fresno County Clerk (2221 Kern Street, Fresno, CA)

On

Applicant:

City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Initial Study Prepared By:

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June 27, 2014

Environmental Assessment Number:

EA-14-018

Project Location (including APN):

North and south sides of West McKinley Avenue between North Blythe and North Marks Avenues, City and County of Fresno, CA.

Site Latitude: 36°45'52.7004" N /Longitude: 119°51'11.9082" W

Township 13 S Range 19 E, portions of Sections 25 and 36 Mount Diablo Base & Meridian

Project Description:

The City of Fresno Public Works Department, Traffic and Engineering Services Division, has filed Environmental Assessment (EA) Application No. EA-14-018 for an Official Plan Line (OPL) for the West McKinley Avenue alignment from North Blythe Avenue to approximately 265 feet east of North Marks Avenue. The proposed OPL is solely for the purpose of clarifying the existing plan line identified in the City of Fresno's 2025 General Plan. No improvements are proposed at this time. The street will be improved incrementally as adjacent properties develop. The OPL is being proposed to establish a narrower cross-section for the West McKinley Avenue right-of-way to accommodate existing development of the adjacent surrounding properties.

The proposed alignment is consistent with the City of Fresno's 2025 General Plan and the West Area Community Plan which designate this segment of West McKinley Avenue as an Arterial. An arterial is defined as a four- to six- lane divided roadway primarily to move traffic from community plan areas, expressways, and freeways, with limited direct access to abutting property. In addition to major street intersections, appropriately designed and spaced local street intersections may allow left-turn movements to and from Arterials. The 2025 Fresno General Plan indicates that this segment of West McKinley Avenue is planned to accommodate four travel lanes (two directions) and will be a divided roadway with left-turn pockets. Modified arterial standards to reduce the current standard right-of-way widths are being proposed from North Brawley Avenue to North Marks Avenue to reduce impacts to the existing residential properties. The approved geometrics reduce the street right-of-way widths to 98 feet between North Brawley Avenue and North Valentine Avenue and are designed to accommodate two lanes of travel each direction, a continuous left turn lane in the center, and parking and bike lanes on both sides of the streets. Street right-of-way widths were further reduced to 94 feet between North Feland Avenue and North Marks Avenue and will accommodate two lanes of travel in each direction, a continuous left turn lane in the center, and bike lanes on both sides of the street. Therefore, the street classification will remain as an arterial, the number of lanes will remain the same, and the alignment will not be moved from that which is currently in place.

The objectives and policies of the 2025 Fresno General Plan also stipulate that the City of Fresno shall coordinate construction of facilities (particularly with respect to irrigation improvements) and the provision of recreation facilities and services (such as multi-purpose trails) with other public and private agencies (such as the Fresno Irrigation District), in order to seek the greatest public benefit at the least public cost. While no roadway construction is proposed at this time, the City regularly coordinates construction with other related public agencies on infrastructure improvements and will do so when improvements are constructed.

The surrounding area is planned and in some cases developed with residential, rural residential and some commercial land uses, with some parcels being vacant. The proposed project will allow the subject segment of West McKinley Avenue to conform with the planned major street designation of an arterial as designated in the West Area Community Plan and the 2025 Fresno General Plan, with a narrower cross-section to reduce impact to adjacent developed properties.

Conformance to Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) NO. 10130:

The Development and Resource Management Department staff has prepared an Initial Study (See Attached "Modified Appendix G To Analyze Subsequent Project Identified In MEIR No. 10130/MND For Plan Amendment A-09-02 (Air Quality MND)/Initial Study") to evaluate the proposed environmental assessment application(s) in accordance with the land use and environmental policies and provisions of lead agency City of Fresno's 2025 Fresno General Plan (SCH # 2001071097), the related Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130 and the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for Plan Amendment A-09-02 to amend the Air Quality Element of the 2025 Fresno General Plan (Air Quality MND). The project area is currently developed with a public street, but may be further developed at an intensity and scale that is permitted by the classification as an Arterial street. Thus, the proposed Official Plan Line (OPL) will not facilitate an additional intensification of uses beyond that which already exists or would be allowed by the above-noted street classification. Moreover, it is not expected that the proposed Official Plan Line will adversely impact existing city service systems or the traffic circulation system. These infrastructure findings have been verified by the Public Works and Public Utilities Departments. It has been further determined that all applicable mitigation measures of MEIR No. 10130 and the Air Quality MND have been applied to the project necessary to assure that the project will not cause significant adverse cumulative impacts, growth inducing impacts, and irreversible significant effects beyond those identified by MEIR No. 10130 as provided by CEQA Guidelines Section 15177(b)(3).

Pursuant to Section 21157.1 of the California Public Resources Code (California Environmental Quality Act), it may be determined that a subsequent project, as identified in the MEIR pursuant to Section 21157(b)(2) of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15177, falls within the scope of a MEIR, provided that the project does not cause additional significant impacts on the environment that were not previously examined by the MEIR and the Air Quality MND.

Relative to this specific project proposal, the environmental impacts noted in the MEIR and the Air Quality MND, pursuant to the 2025 Fresno General Plan land use designation, include impacts associated with the Arterial street designation specified for the subject property. Based on this Initial Study, the following findings are made: (1) The proposed project was identified as a Subsequent Project in MEIR No. 10130 because its location and street designation are set forth in Figure VB-1 of MEIR No. 10130; (2) The proposed project is fully within the scope of the MEIR and Air Quality MND because it will not generate additional significant effects on the environment not previously examined and analyzed by the MEIR or Air Quality MND for the reasons set forth in the Initial Study; and (3) other than identified below, there are no new or additional mitigation measures or alternatives required.

In addition, after conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21157.6(b)(1), the Development and Resource Management Department, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and the Air Quality MND was adopted and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete and the Air Quality MND was adopted, has become available. Moreover, as lead agency for this project, the Development and Resource Management Department, per Section 15177(d) of the CEQA Guidelines, has determined that all feasible mitigation measures from MEIR No. 10130 and the Air Quality MND shall be applied to the project as conditions of approval as set forth in the attached Mitigation Monitoring Checklist (See "Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) No. 10130/SCH No. 2001071097 For the 2025 General Plan, Mitigation Monitoring Checklist).

Public notice has been provided regarding staff's finding in the manner prescribed by Section 15177(d) of the CEQA Guidelines and by Section 21092 of the California Public Resources Code (CEQA provisions).


Sophia Pagoulatos, Supervising Planner, City of Fresno

7/7/14

Date

Attachments: Exhibit A - Appendix G /Initial Study for EA-14-018
Exhibit B – MEIR Review Summary
Exhibit C – MEIR Mitigation Monitoring Checklist
Exhibit D – Vicinity Map and Geometric Approval Drawing