

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PW00911**

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: Capital Projects Department
City of Fresno
747 R Street, 2nd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project will occur along Chestnut Avenue
between Kings Canyon Road and Butler Avenue as outlined
in Exhibit A.

(Council District 5)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project includes grind, overlay, and spot-reconstruct pavement, corner cuts right-of-way acquisitions at parcels to properly construct ADA compliant curb ramps, reinstall damaged traffic signal loops, signage, and striping and Class II bike lanes.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2 and 15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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 existing or former use. 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. Examples of this exemption includes existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and rehabilitation of existing facilities to meet current standards of public health and safety.

Section 15302/Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. Examples include but are not limited to: Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and conversion of overhead electric utility distribution systems to underground, including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

Section 15303/Class 3 exemptions include projects proposing new construction or

conversion of 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 to the exterior of the structure. Examples 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.

The project proposes improvements to existing public facilities to reconstruct pavement, install curb ramps to meet ADA regulations, and add signage and striping to include Class II bicycle lanes. These proposed improvements do not constitute an expansion of use and will improve the public right-of-way without increasing road capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

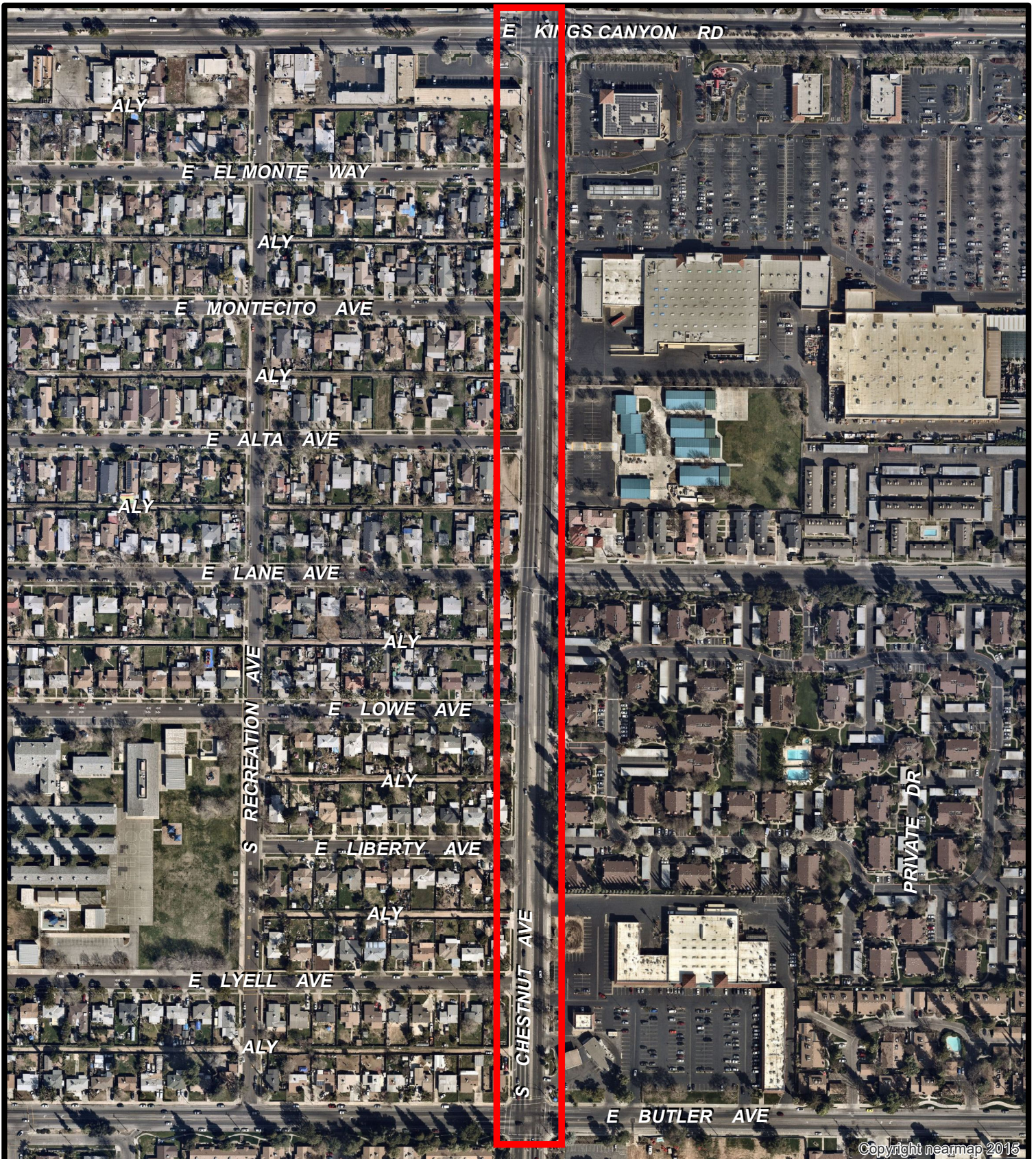
The proposed project complies with all conditions described in 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2 and 15303/Class 3 of the California CEQA Guidelines. Based on staff analysis, it was determined that no adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project and none of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

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LOCATION MAP

Chestnut Avenue Overlay between
Kings Canyon and Butler