

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Development and Resource Management  
2600 Fresno Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Fresno, California 93721-3604

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

\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
\_\_\_\_ Sacramento, California 95812-3044

**Project Title:** Environmental Assessment (EA) No. C-16-014-HSR (Public Works File No. 12008)

**Project Location:** North side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue

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

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The scope of work is the vacation of relinquishment of direct access rights on the north side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue to eliminate access restrictions and allow property owner access to the property identified as Assessor Parcel Number 487-180-04.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno Public Works Department

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Jason A. Camit, PLS

**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 §15301/Class 1  
☐ Statutory Exemption – PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Section 15301/Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities 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. Example include but are not limited to: Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; and, existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

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

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Ralph Kachadourian

**Telephone No.** (559) 621-8172

**Signature:**



**Date:**

7/22/16

**Printed Name and Title:**

Ralph Kachadourian, Supervising Planner, Development Services Division, High Speed Rail  
Impacted Business Assistance Program

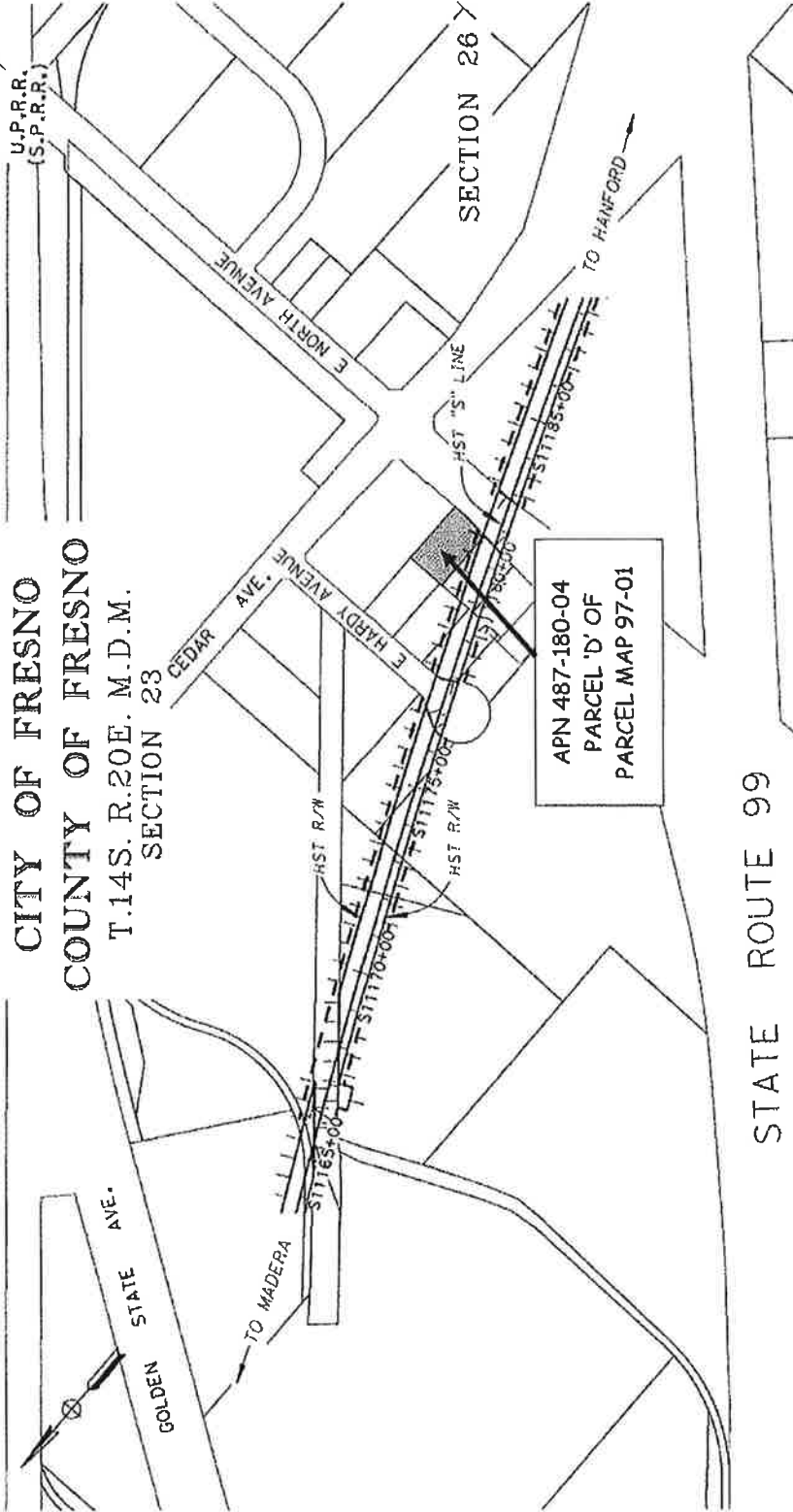
☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by applicant

**Attachments:** Exhibit A and Exhibit B  
Categorical Exemption Memorandum

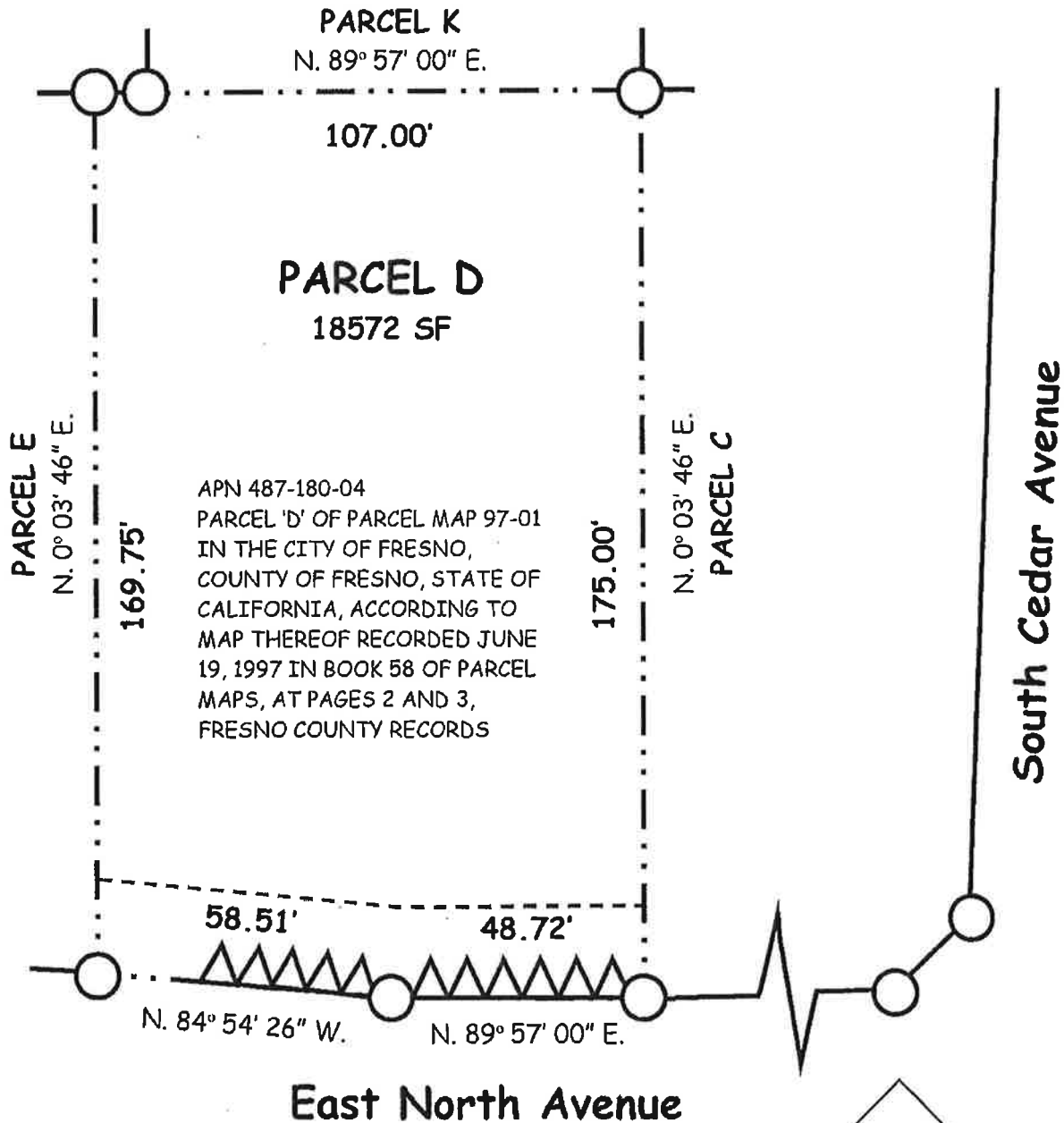
EXHIBIT "B"

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## EXHIBIT "A"

△ DENOTES EXISTING "RELINQUISHMENT  
OF ACCESS RIGHTS" TO BE VACATED



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SCALE 1" = 30'-0"

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-014 (HSR)  
Public Works File No. 12008**

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:** Valdene Thomason, Reed Land Holdings, LLC.  
7090 North Marks Ave, Suite 102  
Fresno, CA 93711

**PROJECT LOCATION:** North side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar Avenue within  
the City of Fresno

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The scope of work is the vacation of relinquishment of direct access  
rights on the north side of East North Avenue, west of South Cedar  
Avenue to eliminate access restrictions and allow property owner  
access to the property identified as Assessor Parcel Number 487-  
180-04.

**This project is exempt under Sections 15301 Class 1(b, c) of the California Environmental Quality  
Act (CEQA) Guidelines.**

**EXPLANATION:** Section 15301. Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities 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  
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provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility  
services; and, existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters,  
bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road  
grading for the purpose of public safety).

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

Date: July 22, 2016

Prepared and Submitted By:  
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