NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

FROM: City of Fresno

Development and Resource Management

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Project Title: Environmental Assessment No. EA-16-022-HSR (Public Works File No. 12014)

Project Location: Alleyway between and parallel to "F" Street and "G" Street between Stanislaus Street and Tuolumne Street

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 a portion of the alley between and parallel to "F" Street and "G" Street and the adjacent portion of Tuolumne Street. The alley is currently utilized by three parcels that would enter into a shared access agreement. The vacation is proposed due to High Speed Rail reconstruction impacts of the Tuolumne Street overcrossing and to fence the alley for security purposes as a result of impacts from crime from transient population.

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 §	

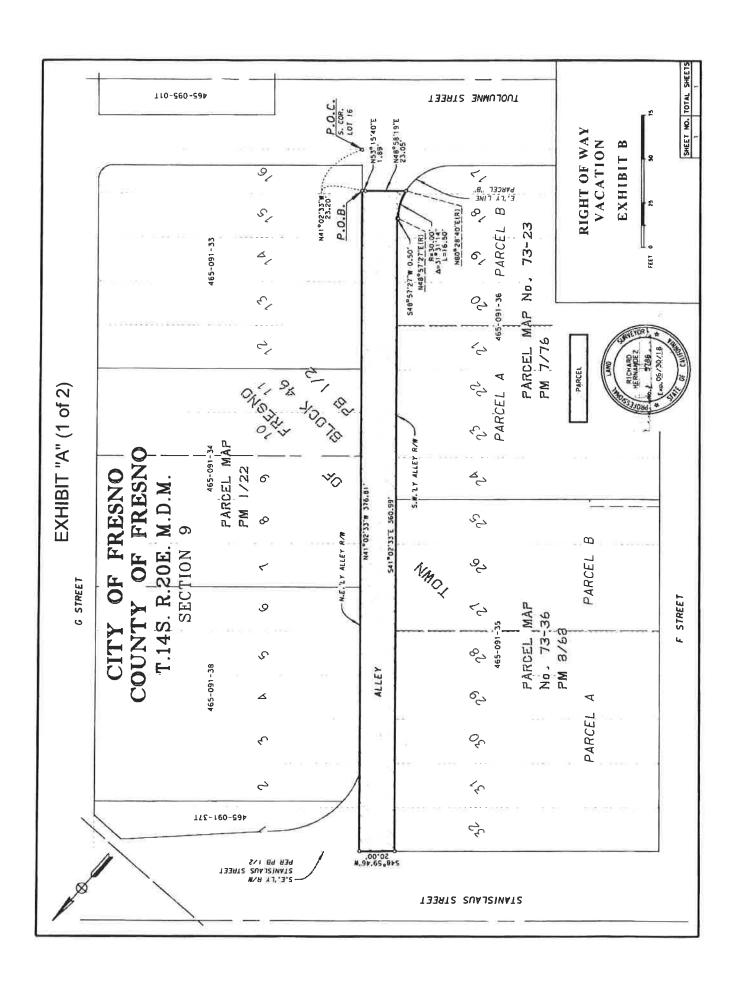
Reasons why project is exempt:

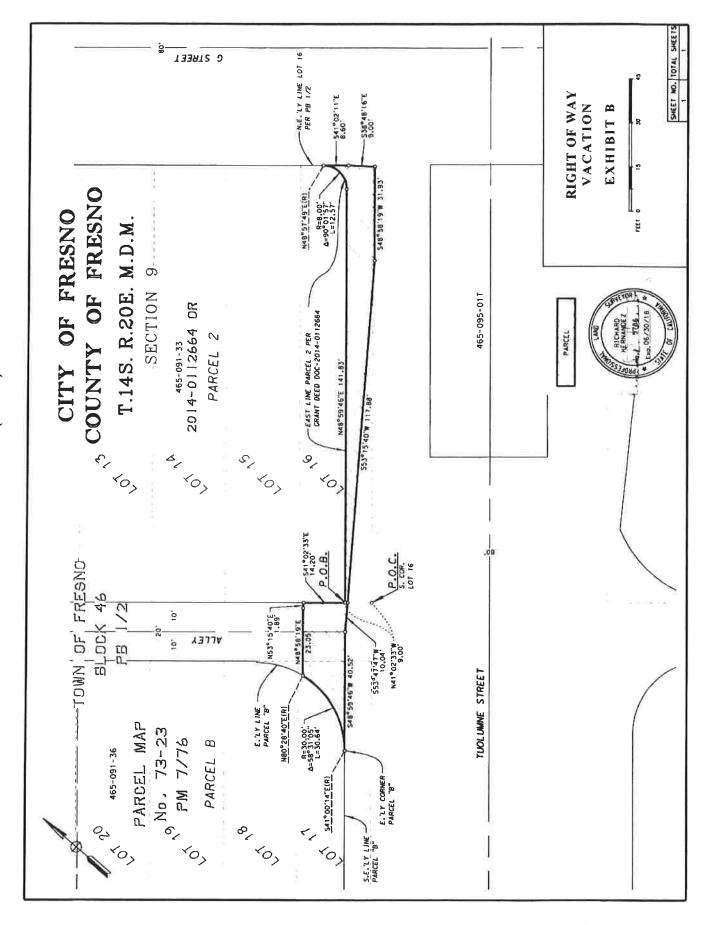
Section 15301/Class 1 (b, c) Existing Facilities consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond 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.

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Signature:	Date: 9/2/16		
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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 Diagrams (1 of 2) and (2 of 2)			

Categorical Exemption Memorandum





CITY OF FRESNO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-16-022-HSR Public Works File No. 12014

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:

California High Speed Rail Authority

on behalf of the Ellis Family Partnership III

PROJECT LOCATION:

The alleyway between and parallel to "F" Street and "G" Street

between Stanislaus Street and Tuolumne Street within the City of

Fresno

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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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 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).

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

Date: September 2, 2016

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