CITY OF FRESNO CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-04201

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:

Jerry Howell

Gateway Engineering 405 Park Creek Drive Clovis, CA 93611

PROJECT LOCATION:

6507 N. Fresno Street, located on the west side of North

Fresno Street, between East Palo Alto Avenue and East Magill

Avenue (APN: 408-050-34)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Environmental Assessment Application No. P19-04201 was filed by Jerry Howell of Gateway Engineering and pertains to the vacation of 19,689± sq. ft. (.45 acres) of right-of-way on East Palo Alto at Fresno Street in preparation for the future installation of a decorative wrought iron fence along the

southern line of East Palo Alto.

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

EXPLANATION:

Under Section 15301/Class 1, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Section 15301(Class 1/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. The types of "existing facilities" itemized are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall with Class 1.

Under Section 15303/Class 3, the proposed project is exempt from CEQA requirements

Section 15303 (Class 3/New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, 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 proposed project consists of vacation of 19,689± sq. ft. of right-of-way on East Palo Alto Street for the future installation of a decorative wrought iron fence along the southern line of East Palo Alto. The proposed vacation of right-of-way is consistent with the Fresno General Plan and the Fresno County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan without negatively impacting the characteristics of the area and complies with all conditions described in Section 15301/Class 1 and 15303/Class 3, 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, as the area is not environmentally sensitive, as noted above, a categorical exemption has been prepared for the project.

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