

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-18-008**

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: City of Fresno
Department of Public Works, Engineering
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: Ashlan Avenue rights-of-way between North First Street and North Millbrook Avenue; within the City of Fresno, CA. (APNs: 436-060-16 and 436-070-14)

(Council District 4, Councilmember Caprioglio)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, is proposing to, along one block of Ashlan Avenue, (1) conform grind existing pavement, (2) place 0.2' thick AC overlay, (3) upgrade deficient curb ramps to current ADA standards, (4) relocation of a water valve and manhole lids, and (5) replace damaged loop detectors, signage, and striping.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1, 15302/Class 2, and 15303/Class 3 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 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 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 include but are not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Section 15302/Class 2 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, including but not limited to: water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

Section 15303/Class 3 consists of 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 in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption 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 the reconstruction of deficient curb ramps, with the acquisition of

approximately 52 square feet of private property in which the curb ramps will be constructed. The subject properties are located within a developed urban area, designated as commercial – community use planned use, and substantially surrounded by urban uses. The site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project. The site can be adequately served by sewer and water facilities.

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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