CITY OF FRESNO ADDENDUM TO
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION NO. A-16-015 for the
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN,
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO SCH 2012041009 for
the DOWNTOWN PLANS AND CODE, and
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO 10108 for the
TOWER DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN
PREPARED FOR

PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION NO. P20-03758

AMENDMENTS TO THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, DOWNTOWN
NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY PLAN, FULTON CORRIDOR SPECIFIC
PLAN AND TOWER DISTRICT SPECIFIC PLAN

Prepared in accordance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines

The full Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Impact Reports are on file in the Planning and Development Department, Fresno City Hall, 3rd Floor 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, California 93721 (559) 621-8277

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER:

P20-03758

This addendum was not circulated for public review pursuant to Section 15164(c) of the CEQA Guidelines

APPLICANT:

City of Fresno 2600 Fresno Street Fresno, CA 93721 PROJECT LOCATION:

The proposed Plan Amendment applies to 13 roadway segments within the City of Fresno, most of which are located in the Downtown area; see Exhibit A for more details.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Plan Amendment Application No. P20-03758 requests approval to re-classify 16.6 lineal miles of bikeways and correspondingly amend several plans in order to qualify for grant funds to improve those segments. Detail on the location and classification of the amendments is included in Attachment 1 attached.

The Active Transportation Plan (ATP), adopted by City Council on March 2, 2017, is a comprehensive guide outlining the City's vision for active transportation and includes a complete network of trails, sidewalks, and bikeways. These facilities were also planned in the Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan (DNCP) and the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan (FCSP) adopted in 2016. The Tower District Specific Plan, although much older than the downtown plans, also had a vision for bicycle transportation which is now proposed for amendment. In order to obtain funding for these bicycle facilities, they must be identified in the ATP to make them eligible. The DNCP, the FCSP and the Tower District Specific Plan reference the ATP's bikeways in their exhibits and therefore need to be updated to be consistent.

Background

The Plan Amendments consist of re-classifying nine planned bikeways from Class II or Class III to Class IV, reclassifying one segment from Class IV to Class II and adding classification to three segments not previously identified. Included in the amendments is a new cross section conceptually laying out a downtown collector street with a Class IV bikeway with parking. The Class IV bikeway is known as "B-6 - Boulevard with Protected Bike Lanes and Parking."

The Mobility and Transportation Element of the Fresno General Plan includes the following bikeway classifications:

- Class I: Bicycle or multi-use (bicycle-pedestrian) path which is completely separated from vehicle traffic and typically a 10- to 12-foot wide concrete/asphalt-concrete paved surface with two-foot wide shoulders;
- Class II: Designated on-street bicycle lane which is identified with painted pavement striping and signing and is typically at least five feet in width;
- Class III: On-street bicycle route which is designated by signs and markings and utilizes the paved surface shared with a low volume of motorized vehicles
- Class IV: Separated on-street bicycle lane, commonly known as "cycle track," which is
 physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by a minimum three foot buffer and vertical
 element, distinct from the sidewalk, designed exclusively for bicyclists, and seven feet in width.

All proposed changes are upgrades except the reclassification from Class IV to Class II on Van Ness Blvd, from Tulare to Mono Streets in downtown. The reason for this is that Van Ness Boulevard has many existing constraints and does not have the roadway width to make the Class IV facility feasible. Therefore it is being reclassified to a Class II. In exchange, P Street is proposed to be reclassified to

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a Class IV from a Class III, which will create a better connection at Divisadero, to the proposed Class IV on Abby Street.

The purpose of all of the proposed amendments is to advance the goals of the Active Transportation Plan, which are:

- Equitably improve the safety and perceived safety of walking and bicycling in Fresno
- Increase walking and bicycling trips in Fresno by creating user-friendly facilities
- Improve the geographic equity of access to walking and bicycling facilities in Fresno
- Fill key gaps in Fresno's walking and bicycling networks

The ATP is intended to implement the goals and policies in the General Plan. Policy MT-4-a below, in the Mobility and Transportation Element, demonstrates this relationship:

MT-4-a Active Transportation Plan: To the extent consistent with this General Plan, continue to implement and periodically update the Active Transportation Plan to meet State standards and requirements for recommended improvements and funding proposals as determined appropriate and feasible.

Analysis

CEQA Section 15164(a) states that the lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred. CEQA Section 15164(b) states that an addendum to a Negative Declaration may be prepared if minor technical corrections or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent environmental document have occurred.

CEQA Section 15162 states that when an EIR has been certified or a Negative Declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration shall be prepared unless one or more of the following occur:

- 1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or Negative Declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effect or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
- 2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- 3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the Negative Declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:
 - a. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;

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- b. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
- c. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or
- d. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerable different from those analyzed in the previous EIR [or Negative Declaration] would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

Plan Amendment No. P20-03758 is consistent with CEQA Sections 15164(a), 15164(b), and 15162 because the Amendments contemplated are considered minor technical changes to the ATP, DNCP, FCSP and Tower District Specific Plan, and none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration have occurred. All proposed reclassifications of the 16.6 lineal miles of bikeways are proposed to occur on existing streets within existing curb-to-curb street right-of-way. The improvements would involve restriping to delineate the reclassified bikeway and a buffer zone and vertical elements for the Class IV facilities. The vertical elements could be planter boxes, parked cars, raised curbs or flexible posts. The proposed plan amendments would not involve any street widenings, property acquisition, new land use designations or rezonings, removal of trees or landscaping, demolition or excavation, flood, fire or hazards risk. See attachment 2 Environmental Operational Statement for additional details.

Plan Amendment P20-**03758** involves 4 previous projects/plans: the Active Transportation Plan, the Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan, the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan, and the Tower District Specific Plan. All of these plans call for increased and improved bicycle circulation, as noted below:

Active Transportation Plan (2017)

The ATP includes Class IV Bikeways, and is closely tied to the downtown plans, stating that the downtown area is particularly well–suited to these types of bikeways because "the concentration of bicyclist destinations as well as motor vehicle traffic, make them particularly beneficial." Furthermore, the ATP anticipated that Class II facilities could be reclassified to Class IV, stating that "some corridors planned for Class II bike lanes in this plan may be considered for Class IV treatment during the project development phases." Further, Mitigated Negative Declaration A-16-015 prepared for the ATP did not identify any potential impacts related to the designation of Class II or Class IV bikeways. Finally, the scope of Plan Amendment P20-03758 is very minor, covering 16.6 lineal miles, compared to the overall scope of the ATP, which covers over 1,122 lineal miles of Class II and Class IV bikeways.

Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan (2016)

The creation of bicycle-friendly corridors was integral to the vision of the DNCP. The goal and policies listed below support the creation of a comprehensive bicycle network in the plan area. Note that policy no. 3.6.5, below, calls for the addition of Class II, III and IV bicycle facilities wherever possible.

3.6 Create a comprehensive bicycle network in the Downtown Neighborhoods.

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Intent: To create a comprehensive, well-connected bicycle network that provides residents with a viable mode of citywide transportation and increases health and physical activity.

- 3.6.1 Develop a continuous bikeway system that provides linkages between bikeway components and access to major traffic generators such as commercial centers, schools, recreational areas, transit stops, and major public facilities.
- 3.6.2 Maintain bicycle facilities so that they are safe and secure, and facilitate the linkages between cycling and other modes of transportation.
- 3.6.3 When legally permissible, require that planned bike facilities be required as a condition of approval of new development adjacent to the planned bike facilities.
- 3.6.4 Provide bicycle parking (bike racks and bike lockers) and other necessary bicycle facilities such as wayfinding/signage at and to key destinations, including schools, retail districts, government buildings, jobs centers, and transit stations. The amount of bicycle parking should support expected future travel by bicycle transportation.
- 3.6.5 Add and improve Class II or III, or IV bike facilities whenever possible, expanding the bicycle network and linking with areas in and beyond Downtown.
- 3.6.6 Strive to implement Class II or IV bike lanes at major bus transfer locations to avoid conflicts between cyclists and buses. Explore solutions to reduce conflicts such as placing bus stops in the parking lane.

Fulton Corridor Specific Plan (2016)

Like the DNCP, incorporating a complete bicycle network was integral to the vision of the FCSP. The goals and policies listed below support the creation of a comprehensive bicycle network in the plan area. Note that policy no. 9-13-2, below, calls for the addition of Class II, III and IV bicycle facilities wherever possible.

Goal 9-1-3 Prioritize pedestrian and bicycle improvements in Downtown as a strategy for economic development.

Goal 9-13 Make bicycling an attractive and efficient mode of everyday transportation for residents and employees of all ages.

Policies

- **9-13-1** As funds become available, prioritize bicycle facilities improvements identified in the upcoming Active Transportation Plan (ATP).
- **9-13-2** Add and improve Class II, III, or IV bike facilities whenever possible, expanding the bicycle network and linking with areas in and beyond Downtown.
- 9-13-3 As funds become available, introduce the "Downtown Rail Trail," a Class I bike facility within

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proposed Railroad Linear Park (see Section 8.3.B.2).

- **9-13-4** Utilize technology to support an improved level of service for bicyclists within the needs and context of Downtown. Management strategies include traffic signal synchronization, traffic signal optimization, real time traffic signal operations, bicycle lanes, and bicycle detection at signal-controlled intersections.
- **9-13-5** Design Class II bike routes at major bus transfer locations to avoid conflicts between bicyclists and buses. Explore solutions to reduce conflicts such as placing bus stops in the parking lane.
- **9-13-6** Provide bicycle parking at key destinations, including schools, retail districts, government buildings, jobs centers, and transit stations. The amount of parking should support expected future travel by bicycle transportation.

All changes included in Plan Amendment P20-03758 are considered upgrades to the bicycle system in the plan area. The Downtown Plans and Code Program EIR, certified in 2016, found in the Air Quality section, that the implementation of the proposed plans and relevant policies for this area were expected to reduce per capita motor vehicle emissions to the extent feasible. This is well stated in the FCSP: "By improving Downtown, this Plan helps to expand access and make Downtown more inviting and attractive to everyone. Over time, Downtown's wide streets are put to better use, creating space for public transit, bicycles, and pedestrians, and connecting and creating synergy with adjacent neighborhoods and institutions that are within walking and biking distance of Downtown."

The FCSP and DNCP follow principles including infill development, mix of land uses, an interconnected street system, and a high level of walkability and bikability that have been documented to reduce vehicle miles traveled (see CAPCOA's 2010 report Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures). No mitigation measures beyond General Plan policies, ordinances, and regulations are available to further reduce this impact.

In addition, the following was a mitigation measure in the EIR:

MM TRANS-7 The City shall update the Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan to reflect the proposed changes in the DNCP and FCSP. The implementation of this mitigation measure would maintain consistency among the City's plans for bicycle facilities and lessen proposed project's impact to less than significant.

Tower District Specific Plan (1991)

The goal of the TDSP in general is to preserve the historic fabric of the neighborhood, including its unique human scale, mix of uses, and walkability. The TDSP supports the implementation of future bikeways. The TDSP acknowledges that the plan area has characteristics which already facilitate bicycling: a grid system, mature trees for aesthetics and shade, and compact urban form. The bicycle planning focus is on destination points and activity centers. The Tower Plan supports improvements that would encourage the use of the bicycle as a viable transportation alternative, the safety of bicycle riders, and the use of the bicycle within the total transportation network (Section 6.2, Bicycle & Pedestrian Circulation).

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The proposed additions of bicycle facilities on streets in the plan area were considered infeasible when the plan was written due to parking conflicts and the perceived need to acquire additional right-of-way to accommodate cyclists, which was inconsistent with the plan. However, the unique design of Class IV bikeways facilitates safe bicycle travel and parking to co-exist within existing right-of-way, thus making these changes possible. Therefore, these revisions constitute minor technical changes.

Since the proposed project will not result in additional impacts, it may be determined that: (1) The project falls within the scope of Mitigated Negative Declaration A-16-015 prepared for the Active Transportation Plan, PEIR SCH No. 2012041009 prepared for the Downtown Plans and Code; and EIR No. 10108 prepared for the Tower District Specific Plan; (2) No substantial changes are proposed in the project which require major revisions to the previous environmental finding due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (3) No substantial changes will occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken; and, (4) No new information, which was not known and could not have been known, at the time the environmental finding for MND A-16-015, PEIR SCH No. 2012041009, or EIR No. 10108 was adopted, has become available.

Therefore, the City of Fresno has determined that an addendum to MND A-16-015, PEIR SCH No. 2012041009, and EIR No. 10108 is appropriate given that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred; and new information added is only for the purposes of providing minor changes or additions, in accordance with Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Section 15162 provides that when a EIR has been adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:

FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15162 OF THE CEQA GUIDELINES.

(1) Substantial changes are proposed in the project which would require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;

Finding (1):

Plan Amendment Application No. P20-03758, an amendment to the City's Active Transportation Plan, Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan, Fulton Corridor Specific Plan and Tower District Specific Plan, is still within the scope of the ATP MND No. A-16-015 the Downtown Plans and Code PEIR and the Tower District Specific Plan EIR No. 10108. All programs, land uses and zoning are consistent with the programs, land use and zoning defined in the Fresno General Plan.

(2) Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or,

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Finding (2):

No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which Plan Amendment P20-03758 is being adopted that would require revisions to the previous ATP MND No. A-16-015, the Downtown Plans and Code PEIR and the Tower District Specific Plan EIR No. 10108 as no new impacts have been generated. It remains consistent with the General Plan and fully within the scopes of the aforementioned environmental documents.

(3) New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous MEIR and PEIRs were adopted, shows any of the following: (A) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous MEIR; (B) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous MEIR; (C) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project; and, (D) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous MEIR, would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

Finding (3):

No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous environmental determination was adopted, has become available.

No mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible are now determined to be feasible and no mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous ATP MND No. A-16-015, the Downtown Plans and Code PEIR or the Tower District Specific Plan EIR No. 10108 would substantially reduce one of more significant effects on the environment. The mitigation measures identified in the ATP MND and the Mitigation and Monitoring Reporting Programs EIRs are still appropriate and feasible and no additional mitigation measures are necessary, since no additional impacts have been identified.

*Downtown Plans and Code refers to the Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan, the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan, and the Downtown Development Code.

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DATE: February 11, 2021	Sophia Pagoulatos, Planning Manager CITY OF FRESNO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Attachment 1: Tables/Maps Attachment 2: Environmental Checklist

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Plan Amendment: Active Transportation Plan (ATP), Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan (DNCP), Fulton Corridor Specific Plan (FCSP), and Tower District Specific Plan (TDSP)

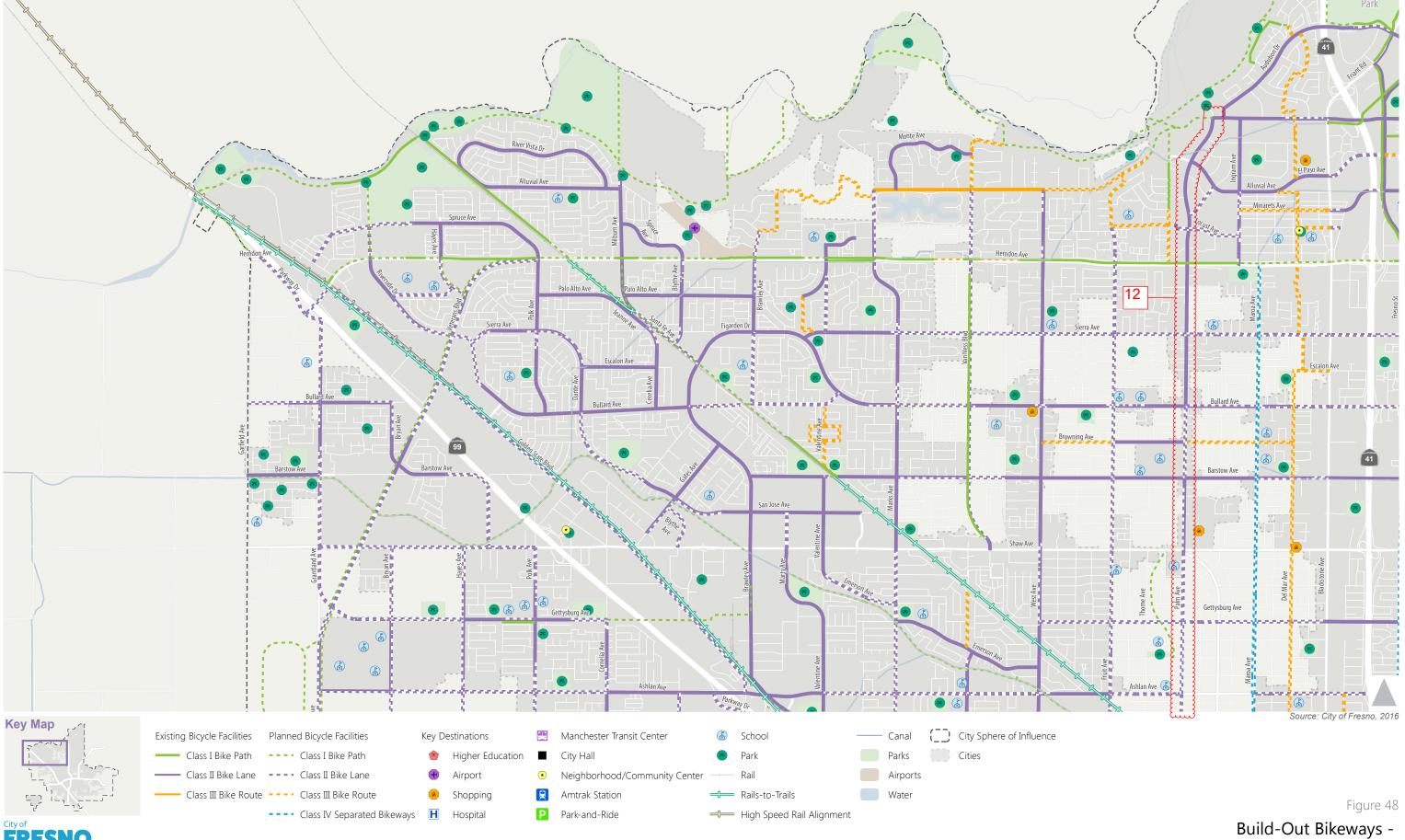
Table 1 – Exhibits

Exhibit A	Active Transportation Plan	Figure 48 Build-Out Bikeways – Inset 2
Exhibit B	Active Transportation Plan	Figure 48 Build-Out Bikeways – Inset 3
Exhibit C	Active Transportation Plan	Figure 48 Build-Out Bikeways – Inset 4
Exhibit D	Downtown Neighborhood Community Plan (DNCP)	Figure 3-1 Proposed Bicycle Facilities
Exhibit E	Downtown Neighborhood Community Plan	Figure 3-4B – Downtown Street Network
Exhibit F	Fulton Corridor Specific Plan (FCSP)	Figure 9-6A – Proposed Bicycle Facilities per Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BMP) / Active Transportation Plan (ATP)
Exhibit G	Fulton Corridor Specific Plan	Figure 9.3B – Downtown Street Network Figure
Exhibit H	B6 Boulevard with Protected Bike Lanes and Parking	DNCP Table 3-2B and FCSP Table 9.3B
Exhibit I	Tower District Specific Plan	Figure 6-3 – Existing and Proposed Bikeways

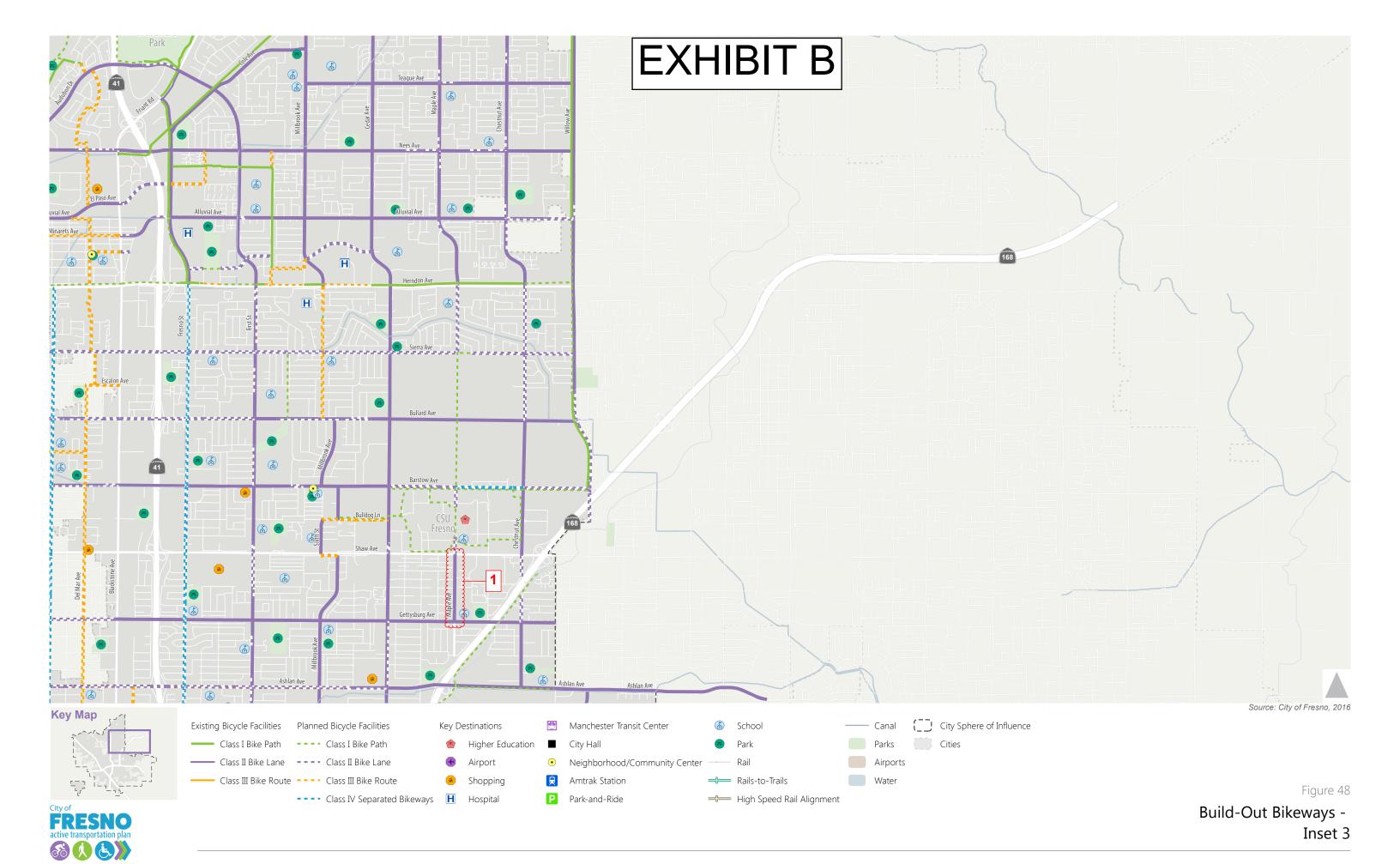
Table 2 – Proposed Bikeway Classification Amendments

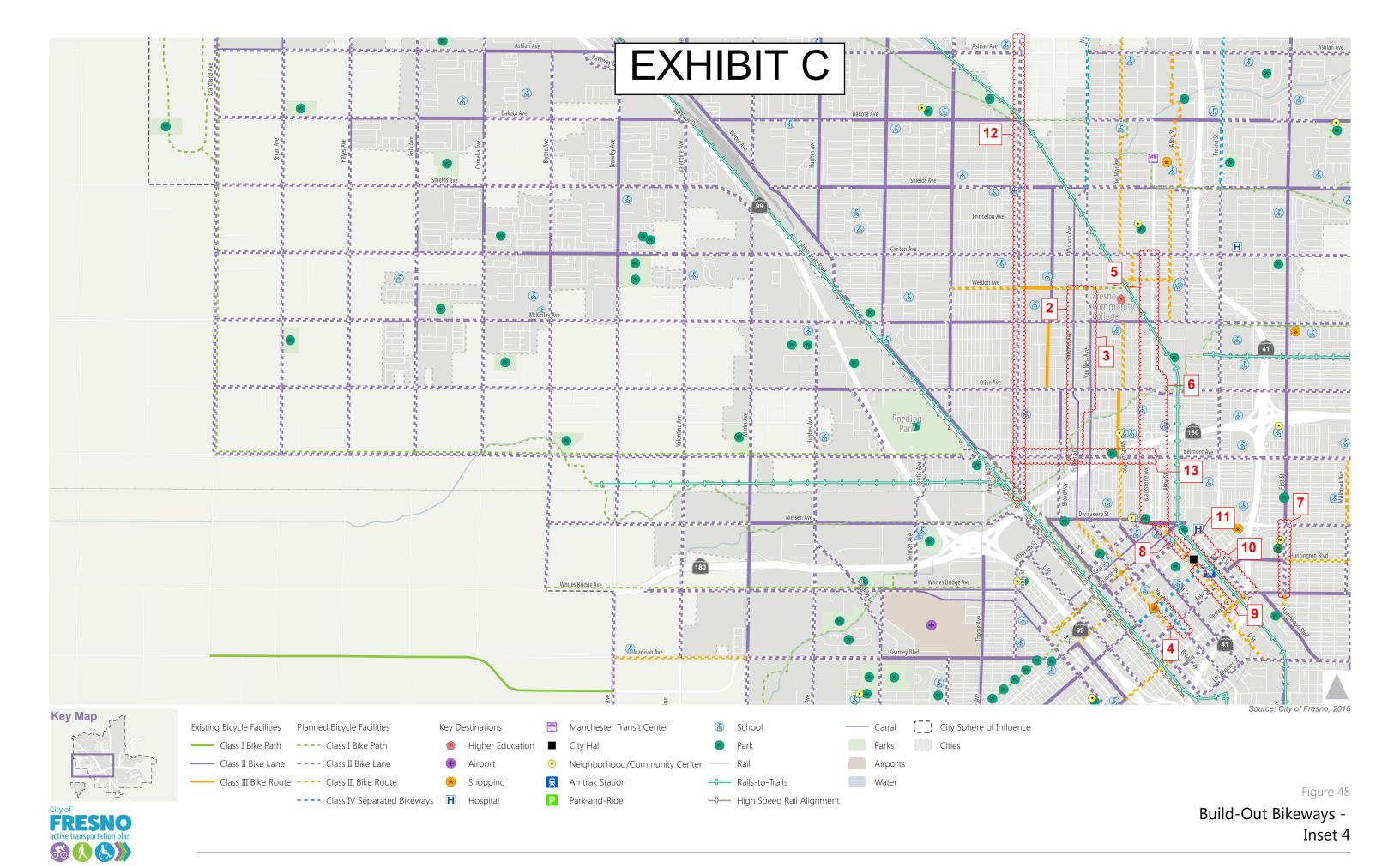
Reference Number	Street	From	То	Distance (miles)	Current Planned	Proposed Planned	Community or Specific Plan*
1	Maple Avenue	Shaw Avenue	Gettysburg Avenue	0.5	Class II	Class IV	N/A
2	Wishon Avenue	Weldon Avenue	Belmont Avenue	1.26	Class II	Class IV	Tower
3	Van Ness Boulevard	Weldon Avenue	Elizabeth Avenue	0.93	Class II	Class IV	Tower
4	Van Ness Boulevard	Tulare Street	Mono Street	0.27	Class IV	Class II	DNCP/FCSP
5	Blackstone Avenue	Shields Avenue	Divisadero Street	2.5	-	Class IV	DNCP/Tower
6	Abby Avenue	Hedges Avenue	Divisadero Street	1.2	-	Class IV	DNCP
7	First Street	Tulare Street	Ventura Street	0.5	Class II	Class IV	DNCP
8	P Street	Fresno Street	Divisadero Street	0.36	Class III	Class IV	DNCP
9	P Street	Tulare Street	Ventura Street	0.28	Class III	Class IV	DNCP
10	R Street	Tulare Street	Ventura Street	0.35	Class III	Class IV	DNCP
11	R Street	Tulare Street	Fresno Street	0.18	-	Class II	DNCP
12	Palm Avenue	Nees Avenue	H Street	7.3	Class II	Class IV	Tower
13	Belmont Avenue	Blackstone Avenue	Palm Avenue	1.0	Class II	Class IV	Tower/DNCP

^{*}All of the segments proposed for re-classification are located within the Active Transportation Plan and the community or specific plans listed



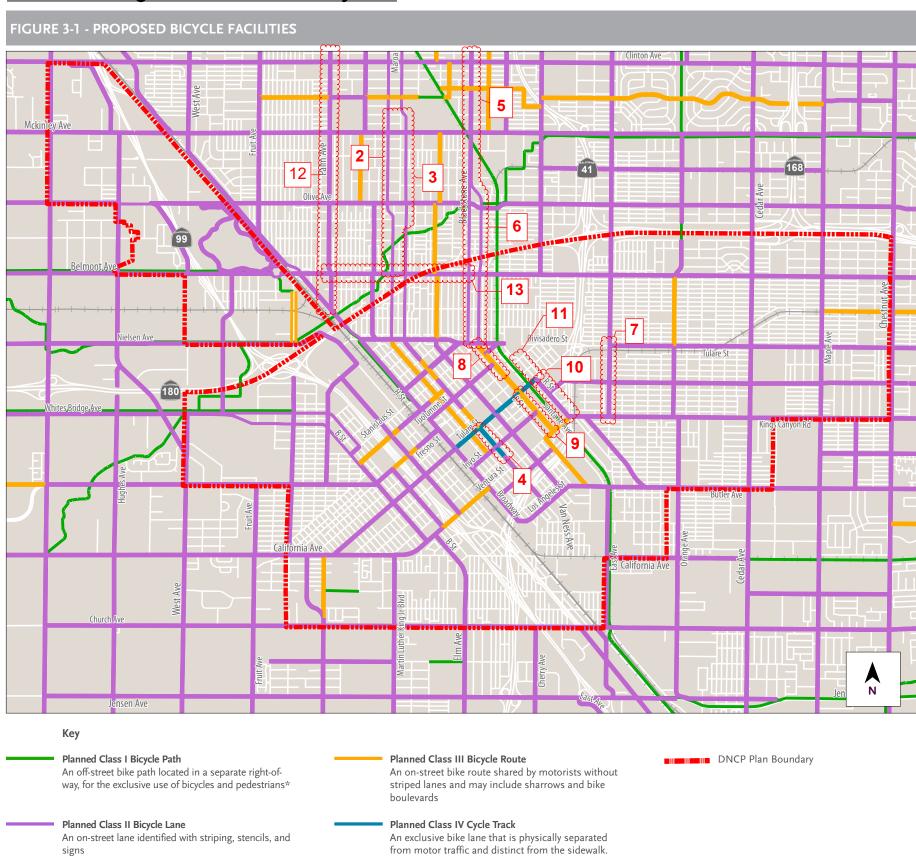
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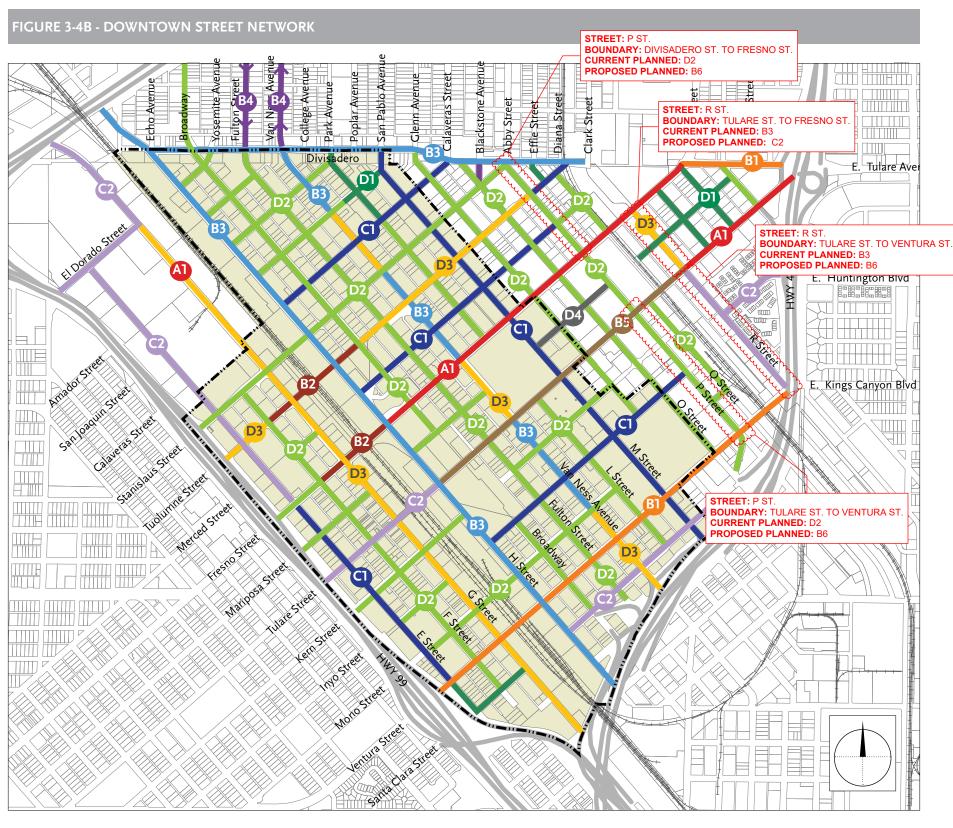
Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan



* Under current regulations, all Class I trails must not encroach into the Fresno Chandler Downtown Airport Clear Zone.



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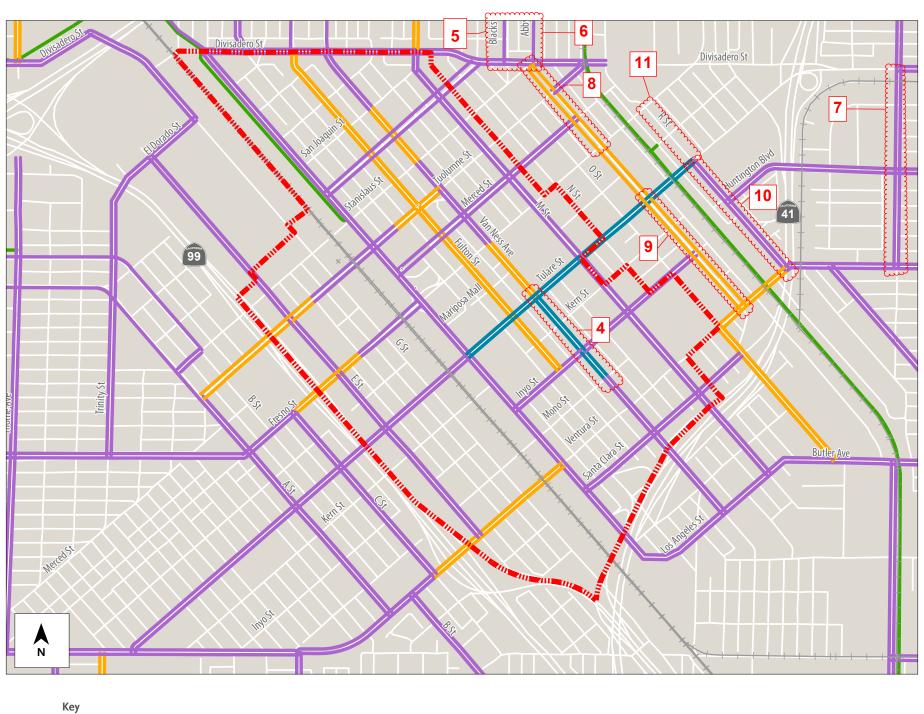
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Fulton Corridor Specific Plan

Figure 9.6A - Proposed Bicycle Facilities per Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Master Plan (BMP) / Active Transportation Plan (ATP)



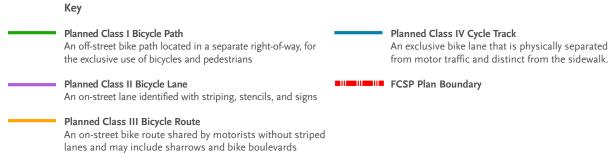
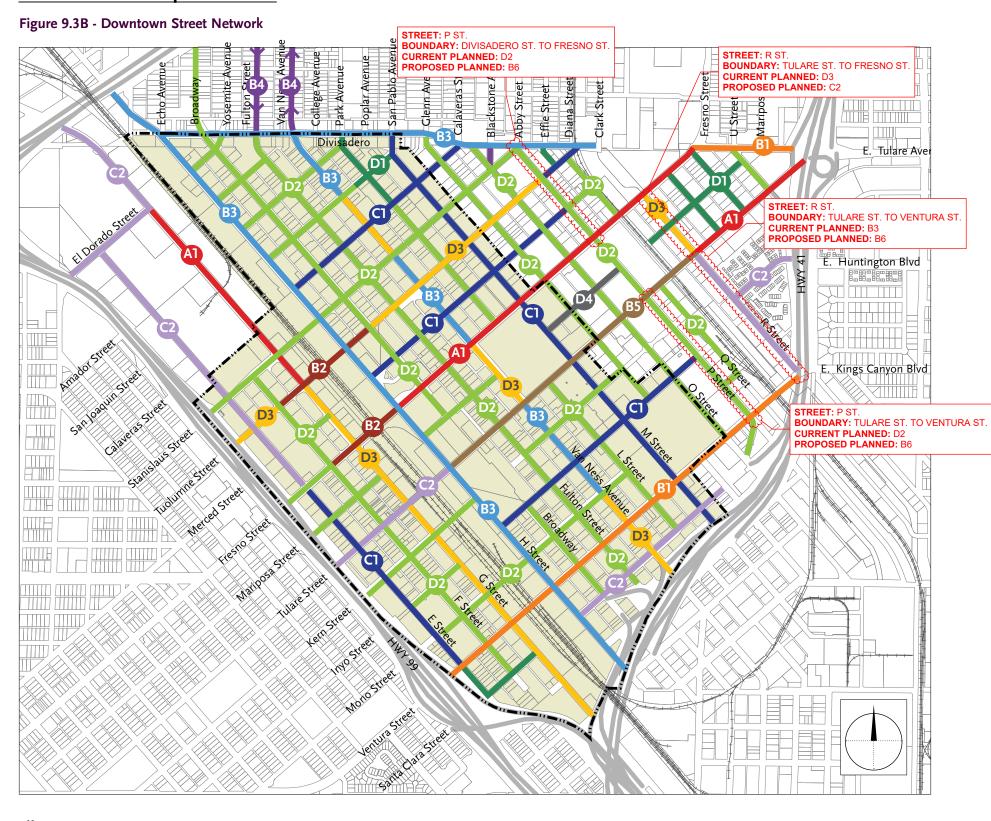


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Fulton Corridor Specific Plan



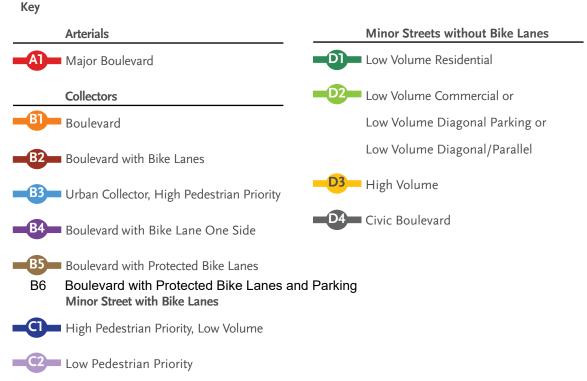
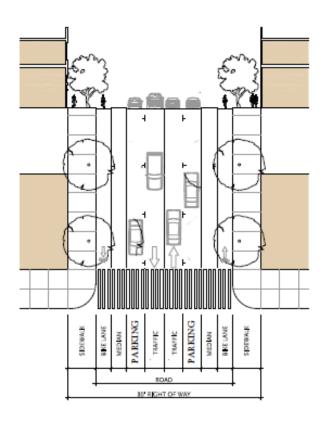
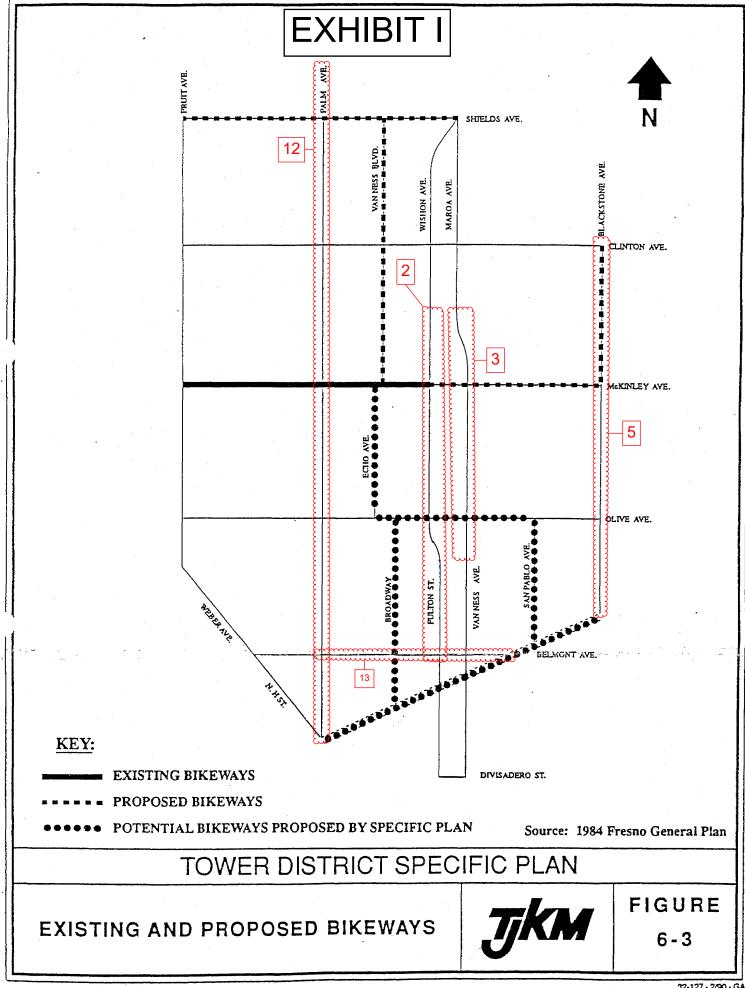


EXHIBIT H

B6 Boulevard with Protected Bike Lanes and Parking – Proposed to amend both the Downtown Neighborhood Community Plan Table 3-2B and the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan Table 9.3B.





Attachment 2: Environmental Checklist



Project Name: _____ Exhibit O

Development & Resource Management Department
Development Services Division
2600 Fresno Street, Third Floor
Fresno, CA 93721-3604

Date: _____

Operational Statement and Environmental Assessment Application								
Please respond application sub	Please respond to all questions below and provide all documentation requested as part of your application submittal. Failure to answer all questions and provide all required documents and studies will result in your application being deemed incomplete and cancelled.							
Project Description Please provide a narrative project description that summarizes the project and its purpose. You can use this operational statement checklist as a reference as to what should be included in your operational statement, in addition to items required in the Application Submittal Checklist specific to the proposed project type. Please list any special authorizations or changes to the Development Code, General Plan, Community Plan, Specific Plan, or Zoning Maps if applicable. Attach operational statement as a separate document if more space is needed.								
Project Deta ☐ Change of Use		ruction	□Dem	olition	□Façade	Alterations	□F	Right-of-Way
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Estimated Construction Cost:

Project and Land Use Tables

		Existing	Proposed
	Parking GSF	-	
se	Residential GSF		
	Retail/Commercial GSF		
anc	Office GSF		
Ľ	Industrial GSF		
General Land Use	Medical GSF		
ne	Visitor GSF		
Ge	Usable Open Space GSF		
	Public Open Space GSF		
	Net Lot Acreage		
S	Dwelling Units, Affordable		
Project Features	Dwelling Units, Market Rate		
atn	Dwelling Units, Total		
Fe	Hotel Rooms		
t	Number of Building(s)		
je	Number of Stories		
Pr	Parking Spaces		
	Loading Spaces		
	Bicycle Spaces		
ial	Studio / Efficiency Units		
Residential	One Bedroom Units		
ide	Two Bedroom Units		
es	Three (or +) Bedroom Units		
~	Accessory Dwelling Units		
ıtial	Hours of Operation		
sider	Days of Operation		
Non-Residential	Number of Daily Deliveries		
No	Number of Employees		

GSF: Gross Square Footage

Public Open Space: Open Space available for the general public

Usable Open Space: Open Space for tenants with a minimum dimension of 20 feet, and a

minimum area of 1,000 square feet.

Affordable Dwelling Unit: A Dwelling Unit that is/will be restricted to Moderate or lower income

households by deed restriction.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION SCREENING FORM

This form will determine if further environmental review is required. Please submit the required supplemental applications, technical studies, or other information indicated below along with this Project Application. Where applicable, references to General Plan Master EIR (GP MEIR) Mitigation Measures are shown in the Notes/Requirements section.

Environmental Topic	Information	Applicable to Project?	Notes / Requirements
General	Estimated Construction Duration	□ Yes □ No	If yes, months Start: End:
Aesthetics			
1. Shadow	Would the project result in any construction over 50 feet in height, within 157 feet of existing or planned residential uses?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, prepare a Shadow Analysis prepared by a qualified individual.
2. Scenic Vista	Would the project impact a scenic vista?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, prepare a visual simulation.
3. Lighting	Would lighting be required for the following: • Street and parking areas? • Public facilities? • Non-residential uses? • Free-standing signs?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, provide project specifications showing lighting systems with shields to direct light to roadways (GP MEIR MMs: AES-1, AES-2, AES-3, AES-4, AES- 5)
Agriculture and For	•		
4. Agricultural Resources	Is the project located on land designated by the <u>California Department of Conservation</u> as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, mitigation may be required.
Air Quality			
5. Air Quality Criteria Pollutants	a. Would project operations emit dust, fumes, smoke, or particulate matter adverse to the public health, safety, or general welfare of the community or detrimental to surrounding properties or improvements?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, please submit a project Air Quality Impact Analysis prepared by a qualified consultant. (GP MEIR MMs AIR- 1, AIR-2)

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Air Quality					
5. Air Quality	b. Does the proje	ect propos	se more than		
Criteria	any of the follo				
Pollutants,	Residential				
cont.	Commercial				
	Light Industrial	25,000 f			If yes, submit a copy
	Heavy Industrial	100,000			of your SJVAPCD
	Medical Office	20,000 f		☐ Yes	Indirect Source
	General Office	39,000 f	ft ²		Review Application
	Educational	9,000 ft ²	2	□ No	with your application.
	Governmental	10,000 f	ft ²	-	(GP MEIR MMs AIR-
	Recreational	20,000 f	ft ²		1, AIR-2, AIR-4)
	Transportation /	construc	ction exhaust		
	Transit		ns equal or		
			two (2.0) tons		
		NO _x or F			
	c. Would the pro	•			If yes, submit a
	number of <u>dail</u>				project Air Quality Impact Analysis prepared by a qualified consultant. (GP MEIR MMs AIR-
	Residential Hous	ing	1,453 trips	☐ Yes ☐ No	
	Commercial		1,673 trips		
	Office		1,628 trips		
	Institutional		1,707 trips		
	Industrial	. ,	1,506 trips		1, AIR-2, AIR-4)
	d. Would the pro	ject excee	ed the following?	-	
	Residential		000 DIT-	-	If yes, submit a
	Single Family	Diag	390 DUs	_	project Air Quality
	Apartments, Low		590 DUs	∐ Yes	Impact Analysis
	Apartments, High		600 DUs		prepared by a
	Condominiums, C		590 DUs 590 DUs	│ □ No	qualified consultant.
	Rise	ligit	390 DOS		(GP MEIR MMs AIR-
	Mobile Homes		760 DUs	_	1, AIR-2, AIR-4)
	Retirement Comr	munity	880 DUs	_	
	Office	Harney	000 000		
	General Office Bu	106,000 ft ² /ic 57,000 ft ²		1	If yes, submit a
	Office Park			1	project Air Quality
	Government (Civ			□ Yes	Impact Analysis
	Center)			□ No	prepared by a
	Government Office	ce	23,000 ft ²	1	qualified consultant.
	Building		,		(GP MEIR MMs AIR- 1, AIR-2, AIR-4)
	Medical Office Bu	uilding	52,000 ft ²		

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Air Quality					
5. Air Quality	e. Would the project exce	ed the following?			
Criteria	Retail				
Pollutants, cont.	Free Standing Discount Store	61,000 ft ²			
	Regional Shopping Center <57,000	11,000 ft ²			
	Discount Club Store	40,000 ft ²	=		
	Supermarket	9,000 ft ²	=		
	Convenience Market (w/o gas pumps)	2,000 ft ²		If yes, submit a project Air Quality	
	Convenience Market (w/gas pumps)	2,000 ft ²	□ Yes	Impact Analysis prepared by a	
	Gasoline/Service Station	10 pumps	□ No	qualified consultant.	
	Quality Restaurant	20,000 ft ²	-	(GP MEIR MMs AIR-	
	Restaurant (high turnover sit-down)	9,000 ft ²		1, AIR-2, AIR-4)	
	Fast Food Restaurant	2,000 ft ²	1		
	Day Care Center	22,000 ft ²	1		
	Bulk (w/drive-through)	10,000 ft ²	1		
	Racquet/Health Club	44,000 ft ²	1		
	Hotel	200 DUs			
	Motel	170 DUs			
	Industrial			If yes, submit a	
	General Light Industry	510,000 ft ²		project Air Quality	
	Heavy Industry	920,000 ft ²	☐ Yes	Impact Analysis	
	Industrial Park	370,000 ft ²	□ No	prepared by a	
	Manufacturing	400,000 ft ²	- INO	qualified consultant. (GP MEIR MMs AIR- 1, AIR-2, AIR-4)	
	Institutional			,	
	Hospital	78,000 ft ²		If yes, submit a	
	Elementary School	1,875 students		project Air Quality	
	Junior High School	1,680 students	□ Yes	Impact Analysis	
	High School	1,325 students		prepared by a	
	Junior College (2 year)	1,100 students	□ No	qualified consultant.	
	University/College (4	716 students		(GP MEIR MMs AIR-	
	year)			1, AIR-2, AIR-4)	
	Place of Worship	48,000 ft ²			
6. Toxic Air	a. If an Ambient Air Qualit	y Analysis was		If yes, prepare	
Contaminants	prepared, did any criter	•	☐ Yes	1	
	exceed 100 pounds per per year)?	r day (18.25 tons	□ No	operational Health Risk Assessment	
	b. Would the project include	de 5 or more	☐ Yes	HRA) (GP MEIR	
	heavy-duty truck delive	•	□ No	MMs AIR-1, AIR-3, AIR-4)	
	sensitive receptors loca	ted within 300-	□ INO		

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		feet?				
Air	r Quality					
6.	Toxic Air Contaminants, cont.	c. Does the project propose a discenter, accommodating more to trucks per day, more than 40 trucks per day, or where 1 (TRUs) per day, or where 1 operations exceed 300 hours possible within 1,000 feet from receptors?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, prepare operational Health Risk Assessment (HRA) (GP MEIR		
		d. Does the project propose a lastation (dispensing 3.6 million per year or more) within 300 sensitive receptor?	☐ Yes ☐ No	MMs AÌR-1, AIR-3, AIR-4)		
		e. Does the project propose a ga within 50 feet of a sensitive rec		☐ Yes ☐ No		
7.	Odors	odors that are perceptible	Does the project emit objectionable odors that are perceptible by a reasonable person at property lines?			
		b. Does the project propose re commercial, or institutional use the following distance from to uses below OR does the propose one of the uses below distance less than indicated be an existing or planned recommercial, or institutional use Wastewater Treatment Facility Sanitary landfill Transfer Station Composting Facility Petroleum Refinery Asphalt Batch Plant Chemical Manufacturing Fiberglass Manufacturing Fiberglass Manufacturing Painting/Coating Operations Food Processing Facility Feed Lot/Dairy Rendering Plant	es within he listed project low at a elow from sidential,	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, a Health Risk Assessment prepared by a qualified consultant is required.	

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Bio	Biological Resources					
	Special-Status Species	Is the project located on land where no urban development has occurred, or on a site that could provide suitable habitat for special-status species?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a Biology study prepared by a qualified biologist. (GP MEIR MMs BIO- 1, BIO-2, BIO-3, BIO- 4, BIO-5, BIO-6, BIO- 7, BIO-8, BIO-9)		
6.	Wetlands	Would the project significantly alter or fill a wetland?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a wetland delineation prepared by a qualified biologist. (GP MEIR MM BIO-8)		
Cu	ıltural Resources					
7.	Cultural Resources	Would the project involve changes on previously undisturbed land?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, provide an Extended CHRIS Records Search from the Southern San Joaquin Valley Information Center. If necessary, further study may be recommended.		
8.	Historic Resources	Would the project involve changes to the front façade or an addition visible from the public right-of-way of a structure built 45 or more years ago or located in a historic district?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, provide a historic resources		
		Would the project involve demolition of a structure constructed 45 or more years ago, or a structure located within a historic district? Would the project involve the modification	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes	evaluation prepared by a qualified historic resources professional.		
		or demolition of a designated Historic Resource?	□ No			
		Please refer to Fresno County Assessor and	Historic Fresn	<u>0</u>		
	eology and Soils Geology and	Is the project located with a Bluff				
.	Soils	Preservation (BL) Overlay District? Area of excavation/disturbance (in square feet): Amount of excavation (in cubic yards):	□ Yes □ No	If yes, a geotechnical report prepared by a qualified professional must be submitted.		

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Geology and Soils						
10. Paleontology	Is there evidence that the project site contains a unique paleontological or geological resource?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, a paleontological and/or geotechnical report by a qualified professional must be submitted.			
Hazards and Haza	rdous Materials					
11. Hazardous Materials	Would the project involve work on a site with an existing or former gas station, parking lot, auto repair, dry cleaners, or heavy manufacturing use, or a site with underground storage tanks?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prepared by a qualified consultant.			
12. Hazardous Areas	Is the project located in a hazardous area, and involve ground disturbance of at least 50 cubic yards or a change of use from an industrial use to a residential or institutional use? Hazardous Areas include: • Areas currently or previously developed with agricultural uses • Areas currently or formerly developed with industrial land uses and/or zoned as Industrial • Areas within 100 feet of a known hazardous waste site • Areas within 100 feet of an underground storage tank	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment prepared by a qualified consultant.			
	Does the project require FAA Notification?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, please provide FAA's determination.			
	Does the project propose structures within a 100 year floodplain ?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, provide a Grading Plan.			
Hydrology and Wat	ter Quality					
13. Stormwater	Would any construction activities, including grading, result in the disturbance of one acre or more?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) prepared by a qualified consultant.			
Land Use and Plan						
14. Development Standards	Is the project requesting deviations or variations from development standards?	☐ Yes ☐ No	Consult with DARM staff regarding preparation of applicable application.			

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Noise				
15. Vehicle Noise	land use wit	oject propose a noise-sensitive hin the specified distance from e of an at-grade Major Street:		
	81 feet	2-Lane Collector		
	51 feet	4-Lane Collector		
	66 feet	3-Lane Arterial		
	162 feet	4-Lane Arterial		
	127 feet	6-Lane Arterial		
	213 feet	4-Lane Super Arterial		
	282 feet	6-Lane Expressway		
	630 feet	State Route 41		If yes, submit a Noise
	691 feet	State Route 180	☐ Yes	Study prepared by a
	514 feet	State Route 168	□ No	qualified consultant.
	594 feet	State Route 99		quamica concentent
		tive land uses include:		
	 Resident 	ial		
	 Transien 	t Lodging		
		Care Facilities		
	Commun	ity/Religious Assembly		
	Facilities	, ,		
	 Theaters 	, Auditoriums		
	Office Bu			
	 Schools, 	Libraries, Museums		
16. Noise	Does the pr	oject generate noise in excess		If yes, submit a Noise
Generation	of 70 dB b	etween 7:00 a.m. and 10:00	☐ Yes	Study prepared by a
		dB between 10:00 p.m. and	□ No	qualified consultant.
	7:00 a.m.?			qualified consultant.
		project generate a consistent		If yes, submit a Noise
		cess of 50 dB between 7:00	□ Yes	Study prepared by a
		0:00 p.m., or 45 dB between	□ No	qualified consultant.
47 Aime and Main		and 7:00 a.m.?		•
17. Airport Noise	noise contou	t located within a 60 dB airport	☐ Yes	If yes, submit a Noise
Contour	noise contol	л <i>:</i>	□ No	Study prepared by a
				qualified consultant.

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Does the project generate more than 100 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ III?	☐ Yes ☐ No	If yes, submit a Traffic Impact Study prepared by a qualified Traffic Engineer.
Does the project generate more than 300 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ I?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
Does the project generate more than 200 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ II or IV?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
If a Traffic Impact Study was prepared or red	quired to be pre	pared:
Does the traffic study for the project indicate that the Level of Service (LOS) on one or more streets or at one or more intersections in the project vicinity would be reduced to LOS E or F?	□ Yes □ No	If yes, submit a Carbon Monoxide Hotspot Analysis prepared by a qualified consultant.
Does the traffic study indicate that the project would substantially worsen an already existing LOS F on one or more streets or at more or more intersections in the project vicinity?	□ Yes □ No	
Utilities and Service Systems		
Residential development of more than 500 dwelling units? A shopping center or business establishment that would employ more than 1,000 persons or have more than 500,000 square feet of floor space? A commercial office building employing more than 1,000 persons or having more than 250,000 square feet of floor space? A hotel or motel, or both, having more than 500 rooms? An industrial, manufacturing, or processing plant, or industrial park planned to house more than 1,000 persons, occupy more than 40 acres of land, or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor area? A mixed-use project that includes one or more of the projects specified above? A project that would demand an amount of water equivalent to, or greater than, the amount of water required by a 500	□ Yes □ No	If yes, coordinate with the City regarding the preparation of a Water Supply Assessment (WSA) prepared by a qualified consultant.
	peak AM or PM trips in TIZ III? Does the project generate more than 300 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ I? Does the project generate more than 200 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ II or IV? If a Traffic Impact Study was prepared or recovered by the traffic study for the project indicate that the Level of Service (LOS) on one or more streets or at one or more intersections in the project vicinity would be reduced to LOS E or F? Does the traffic study indicate that the project would substantially worsen an already existing LOS F on one or more streets or at more or more intersections in the project vicinity? e Systems Would the project include the following: Residential development of more than 500 dwelling units? A shopping center or business establishment that would employ more than 1,000 persons or have more than 500,000 square feet of floor space? A commercial office building employing more than 1,000 persons or having more than 250,000 square feet of floor space? A hotel or motel, or both, having more than 500 rooms? An industrial, manufacturing, or processing plant, or industrial park planned to house more than 1,000 persons, occupy more than 40 acres of land, or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor area? A mixed-use project that includes one or more of the projects specified above? A project that would demand an amount of water equivalent to, or greater than, the	Does the project generate more than 300 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ II? Does the project generate more than 200 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ II or IV? Does the project generate more than 200 peak AM or PM trips in TIZ II or IV? If a Traffic Impact Study was prepared or required to be prepared to be the traffic study for the project indicate that the Level of Service (LOS) on one or more streets or at one or more intersections in the project vicinity would be reduced to LOS E or F? Does the traffic study indicate that the project would substantially worsen an already existing LOS F on one or more streets or at more or more intersections in the project vicinity? ■ Systems Would the project include the following: Residential development of more than 500 dwelling units? A shopping center or business establishment that would employ more than 1,000 persons or have more than 500,000 square feet of floor space? A commercial office building employing more than 1,000 persons or having more than 500 rooms? An industrial, manufacturing, or processing plant, or industrial park planned to house more than 1,000 persons, occupy more than 40 acres of land, or having more than 650,000 square feet of floor area? A mixed-use project that includes one or more of the projects specified above? A project that would demand an amount of water equivalent to, or greater than, the amount of water required by a 500

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