

**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. P19-03641**

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(S): City of Fresno, Department of Public Works
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PROJECT LOCATION: The intersection of South Armstrong Avenue and East Lane Avenue (See Exhibit A).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Environmental Assessment Application No. P19-03641 pertains to 0.94 acres at the intersection of South Armstrong and East Lane Avenues and proposes traffic signal installations. The project also includes new ADA compliant curb ramps, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters, street lights, ITS equipment, signage, and striping.

This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1, Section 15302/Class 2, and Section 15303/Class 3 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines as follows:

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 existing use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of 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), and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes.

Section 15302/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 replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Section 15303/Class3 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. 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 for a traffic signal installation with removal of flashing lights, and related improvements including new ADA compliant curbs ramps, sidewalk, curb and gutter, street lights, ITS equipment, as well as signage and striping involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. The project will not add or remove travel lanes. Proposed modification, upgrades, and improvements are minor and made on the exterior of the existing structures and facilities. Modification, and upgrades as a result of this project will be located on the same site as the existing structures and facilities.

The proposed installation of a new City of Fresno traffic signal at the intersection of Armstrong and Lane Avenues meets the criteria noted above. Based on staff analysis, it has been determined that no adverse environmental impacts will occur as a result of the proposed project. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

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Exhibit A

