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County of Fresno

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING
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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

- TO: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814
- County Clerk, County of Fresno
2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

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4:08pm

FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By *[Signature]*
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For County Clerk's Stamp

FROM: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning
Development Services and Capital Projects Division
2220 Tulare Street (corner of Tulare and "M") Suite "A", Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Review No. 8638 CMAQ American Avenue Shoulder Improvement from Peach Avenue to Temperance Avenue

PROJECT APPLICANT/SPONSOR: Christian Montoya, Fresno County Design Division

PROJECT LOCATION – COUNTY: The Project is located to the east of the community of Malaga and approximately 1.76 miles north of the City of Fowler. The Project's limits include an approximate 3-mile stretch on American Avenue between Peach Avenue and Temperance Avenue.

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The County of Fresno's (County) Department of Public Works and Planning proposes to make shoulder improvements on East American Avenue between South Peach Avenue and South Temperance Avenue. The purpose of the Project is to improve traffic conditions, increase safety, and improve air quality by decreasing the amount of airborne particulate matter caused by vehicles traveling along the roadway. Due to the poor condition of the existing roadway on American Avenue, reconstruction of the roadway and adding paved shoulders is needed to reduce airborne particulate matter associated with unpaved shoulders on County roads. The Project is funded by the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, which is administered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

NAME OF PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT: Fresno County Board of Supervisors

NAME OF PERSON OR AGENCY CARRYING OUT PROJECT: Fresno County Department of Public Works and Planning, Design Division, Contact: Christian Montoya, (559) 600-0522.

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical exemption: Section 15301 (c) and (f) *Existing Facilities*

REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT: The proposed project involves repairs of an existing street shoulder for the purpose of reducing the amount of particulate matter in the air caused by passing traffic and promote achieving attainment criteria in the County as it pertains to air quality standards. The project is needed to address the poor pavement condition, unstable dirt shoulders, and poor air quality as a result of airborne particulate matter associated with unpaved shoulders. The project will not change the alignment of the road or increase the number of through-lanes; therefore, no permanent traffic impacts will occur. No relocation of buildings, homes, or businesses will be required. There will be no impacts to biological, cultural or historical resources.

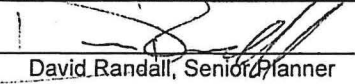
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LEAD AGENCY

CONTACT PERSON: Arianna Brown

AREA CODE/TELEPHONE: (559) 600-4245

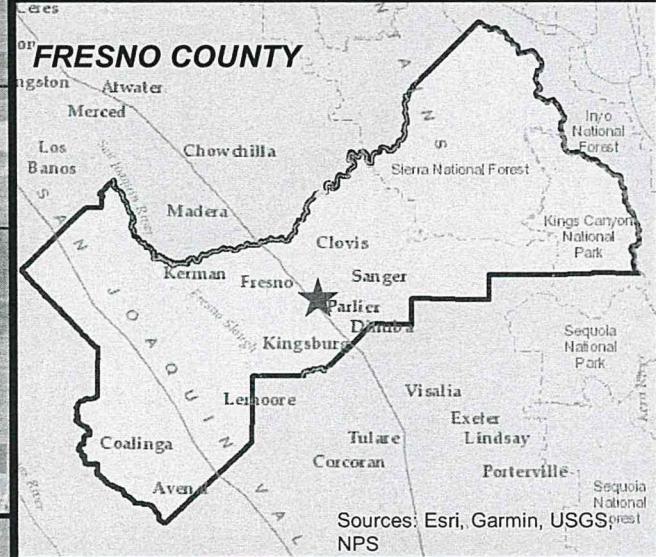
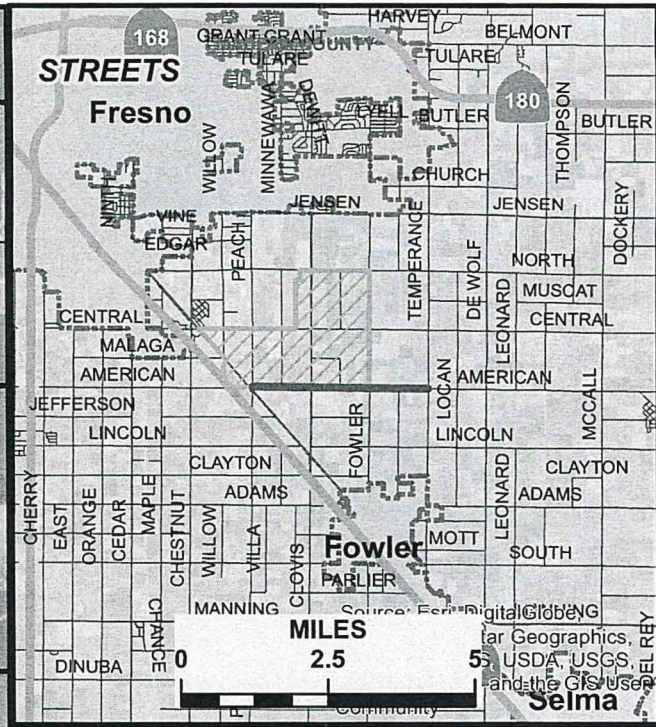
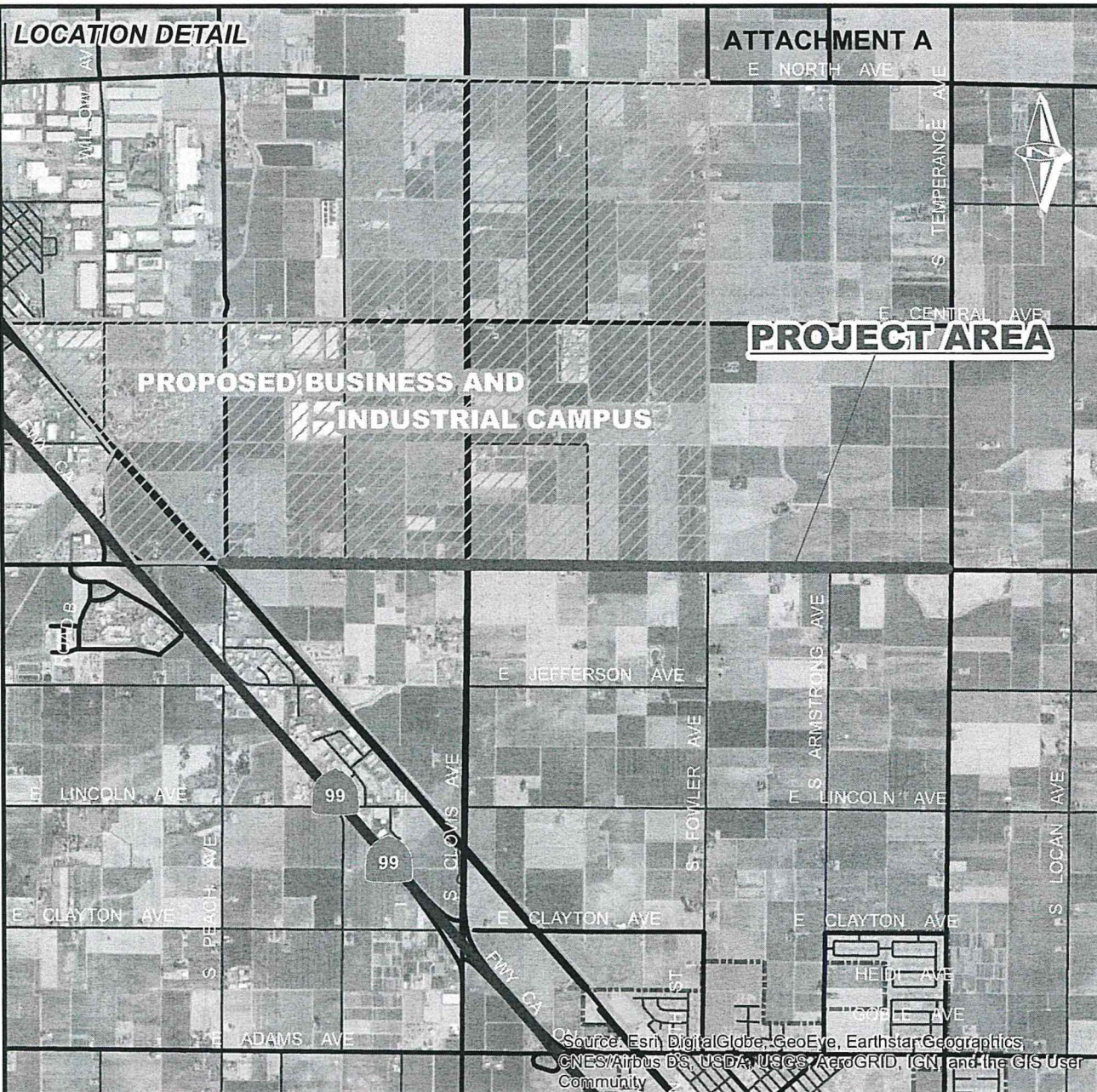
<p>If filed by the applicant:</p> <p>1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.</p> <p>2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
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Signature: 
David Randall, Senior Planner

Date: 10/31/24

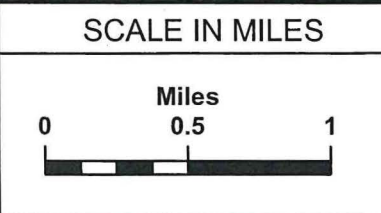
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 Signed by Applicant

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 PEACH AVE TO TEMPERANCE AVE**