

# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**FROM:** City of Fresno  
Department of CAPITAL PROJECTS  
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Fresno, California 93721-4016

**TO:**  Fresno County Clerk  
2220 Tulare Street  
Fresno, California 93721

Office of Planning & Research      SCH NO.: N/A  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212  
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

**Project Title:** Peach Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation, State Route (SR) 180 to McKinley Avenue, (PW01072).

**Project Location:** Peach Avenue from SR-180 to McKinley Avenue.

**Project Location – City:** City of Fresno      **Project Location – County:** County of Fresno

**Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:** The City of Fresno, Department of Public Works is proposing to perform improvements that include asphalt concrete grind and overlay, installation/replacement of ADA compliant curb ramps, curb and gutter, sidewalk and medians, a new traffic signal at Lamona Avenue, upgrade of two existing traffic signals at Clay Avenue and Olive Avenue to video detection, signing and striping, installation of a new protected Class IV bicycle lane facility, replacement of traffic signal loops, and adjustment of water valves and manhole covers to grade.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Fresno – Department of Public Works, Engineering Division

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** Victor Valdez  
City of Fresno  
Capital Projects Department  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

**Exempt Status:** (check one)

- Ministerial: PRC § 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268  
 Declared Emergency: PRC § 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a)  
 Emergency Project: PRC § 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b) and (c)  
 Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines §15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2  
 Statutory Exemption: PRC § \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Section 15301/Class 1 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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.

Specifically included in this class of exemption are:

(c) 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 alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes; and

d) Restoration or rehabilitation of deteriorated or damaged structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment to meet current standards of public health and safety, unless it is determined that the damage was substantial and resulted from an environmental hazard such as earthquake, landslide, or flood;


(f) Addition of safety or health protection devices for use during construction of or in conjunction with existing structures, facilities, or mechanical equipment, or topographical features including navigational devices.

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.

The proposed project is consistent with Class 1 and Class 2 exemptions because the project is proposing to make improvements to existing asphalt pavement, install curb ramps to meet ADA requirements, reinstall signage and striping to include a Class IV bicycle facility. The proposed improvements are minor, do not constitute an expansion of use, and will improve the public right-of-way without increasing capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

The proposed project complies with all conditions described in Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 of the California CEQA Guidelines. 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 exemptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Victor Valdez      **Telephone No.** (559) 621-8809

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ 06/16/2025

**Printed Name and Title:**  
Victor Valdez, PE, Licensed Professional Engineer  
Capital Projects Department, Design Services Division

**Signed by Lead Agency**       **Signed by applicant**

**Attachments:** Categorical Exemption Determination

**CITY OF FRESNO  
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01072**

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:** Victor Valdez  
Capital Projects Department  
City of Fresno  
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Fresno, CA 93721

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The proposed project will occur along Peach Avenue between State Route (SR) 180 and McKinley Avenue.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

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**This project is exempt under Section 15301/Class 1 and 15302/Class 2 of the California Environmental Quality Act (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 of the CEQA Guidelines exempts from the provisions of CEQA, projects consisting 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.

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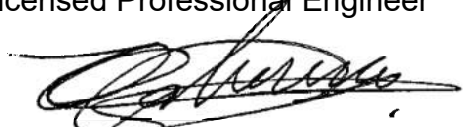
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Date: February 26, 2025

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Submitted by:



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