

Environmental Assessment Officer: Reed Schenke, P.E., RMA Director/ EAO

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Hernan Beltran Herrera, Chief Engineer

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Signature: 
Gary A. Mills

Date: 6/25/2025

Title: Chief Planner,
Environmental Planning Division

Signature: 
Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

Date: 06/26/2025

Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to the LCI/SCH: _____

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: ☒ Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 (559) 624-7000
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 S. Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: 2025/26 County Transportation Improvement Program

Project Location - Specific: Countywide. For specific locations, reference the 2025/2026 County Transportation Improvement Program

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Countywide

Project Location - City: Countywide

Project Location - County: County Transportation Improvement Program

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The 2025/2026 County Transportation Improvement Program is the Resource Management Agency's improvement and maintenance strategy for the County's transportation infrastructure for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 (FY 25/26). Projects identified in the FY 25/26 County Transportation Improvement Program includes road safety enhancements, bridge improvements, road rehabilitations, overlays, sidewalk improvement programs, and other transportation related projects. Funding sources include local (Measure R), state and federal dollars. It should be noted that the FY 25/26 County Transportation Improvement Program is a list of projects and is not a physical project. Each project included in the FY 25/26 County Transportation Improvement Program must undergo CEQA review prior to being constructed.

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Common Sense Exemption: CEQA guidelines 15061(b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies**
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: **CEQA Guidelines Class 2 Section 15302 Replacement or Reconstruction (c)**
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions: **CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies**

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Class 1 Section 15301, Existing Structures (c), as activities associated with the project will include replacement of existing facilities with negligible or no expansion of capacity (any capacity increasing project is subject to further CEQA review). Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Number 300 Section 111. **CATEGORICAL EXEMPTIONS Class 1: Existing Facilities (c).** A statutory exemption also applies. Under CEQA Guidelines 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies, a project involving planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration. As such, CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15300.4, and 15262 are applicable and appropriate for this project.

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BY:

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