NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency
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Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
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Project Title: **Terra Bella Pedestrian Enhanced Connectivity Project Phase 2**

Project Location - Specific: North Side of Avenue 95 from Road 234 to 642 feet west of Road 234

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: Section 3, Township 23S, Range 27E, MDBM

Project Location - City: Community of Terra Bella **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the construction of pedestrian facilities that include curb & gutters, sidewalks, driveways, pave-outs, and signs. The goal is to improve the safety and security of the public by improving the pedestrian infrastructure for the general population throughout the corridor. Construction is anticipated to begin in August of 2025 and be completed by October of 2025.

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 Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Structures (c) and Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies**
☐ Statutory Exemptions:

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. 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). As such, Sections 15301 and 15300.4 are applicable and appropriate for this Project.

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

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare

Project Planner/Representative: Pedro Ornelas, Supervising Civil Designer **Telephone:** 559-624-7145

Signature: Gary A. Mills Date: 8/12/2025 Title: Chief Planner
Environmental Planning Division

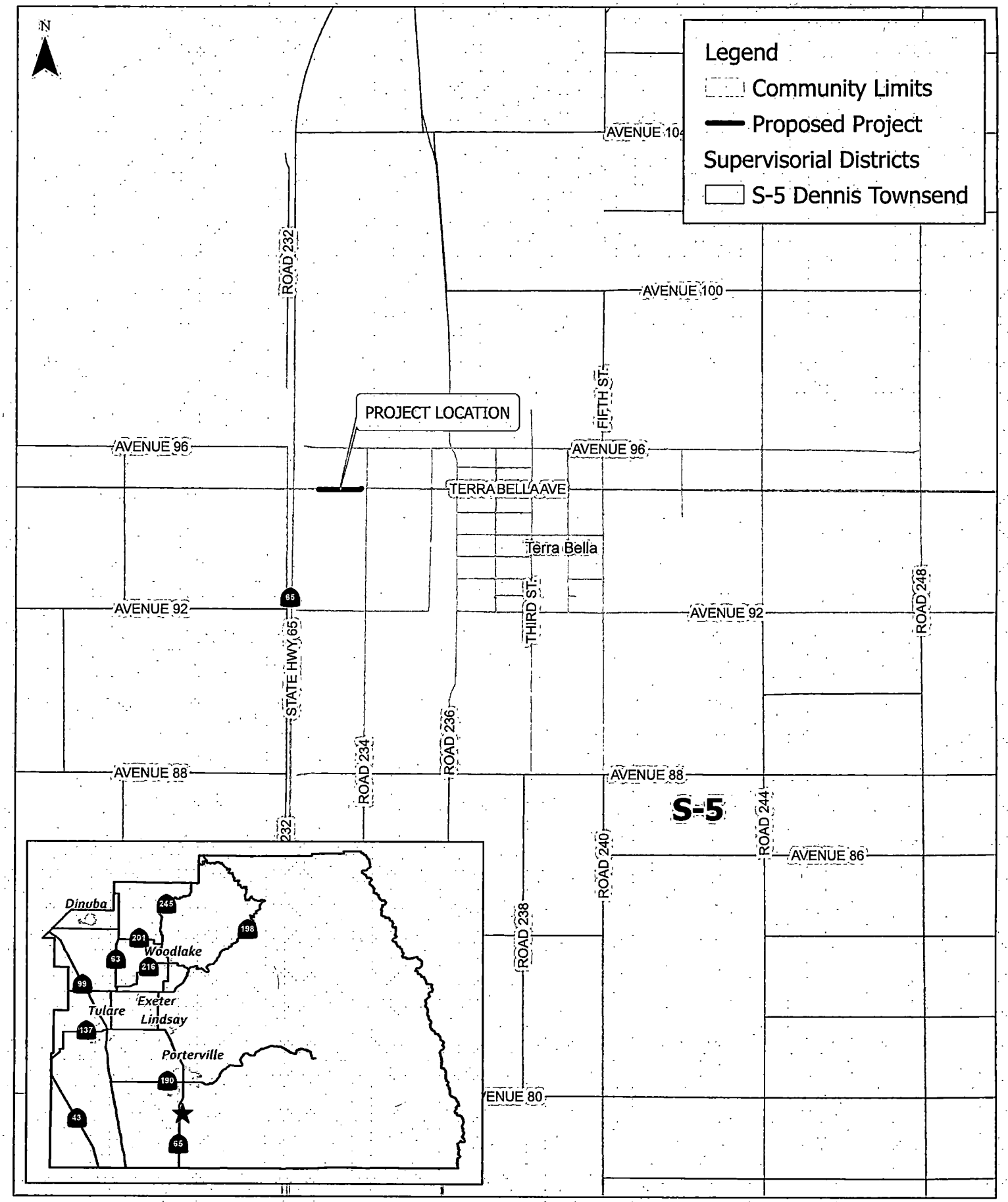
Gary A. Mills

Signature: Michael Washam Date: 8/12/2025 Title: Associate RMA Director, Designee

Michael G. Washam, A.C.E.

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date submitted to LCI:



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Terra Bella Pedestrian Enhanced Connectivity Project Phase 2
Vicinity Map