

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Tulare

From: (Public Agency): City of Tulare
Michael W. Miller, City Engineer
411 East Kern Avenue, Tulare CA 93274

(Address)

Project Title: Mooney Boulevard Improvements

Project Applicant: City of Tulare

Project Location - Specific:

Mooney Boulevard widening located between Ribolla Avenue and Bella Oaks Avenue.

Project Location - City: Tulare Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Widen southbound SR-63 to the west of Mooney with pave-out, new curb/gutter, and sidewalk from Cartmill Ave. to Ribolla Ave. Extend existing median improvements south from Cartmill Avenue to Riolla Avenue. Install signage, striping, and markings as required in support of the widening efforts. Relocation of traffic signal poles and related equipment (appurtenances) at the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Cartmill Avenue. The Project would provide a public benefit, particularly to southbound vehicular traffic along the Mooney Blvd. corridor, between the Cities of Tulare and Visalia.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Tulare

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Tulare

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, Existing Facilities, 15301 (c)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The intent of the project is to improve safety and southbound traffic flow along the Mooney Boulevard corridor. The project is also consistent with City of Tulare 2035 General Plan policies, Transportation and Circulation Element, and would comply with Caltrans' highway right-of-way widths and pavement standards (including Caltrans encroachment permit requirements). Therefore, as noted in the earlier project description, the use of Section 15301(c) is applicable and appropriate for this project.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mario Anaya Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-684-4217

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Signature] Date: March 25, 2026 Title: Planning Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: