NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: Cedar Avenue Intersection Enhancements; Project (PW01065)

Project Location: Intersection of N. Cedar Avenue and E. Shields Avenue and N. Cedar Avenue and E. Fountain Way.

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, is proposing a project to install improvements to include installation of retroreflective back plates, advanced stop bars, and leading pedestrian intervals at the N. Cedar Avenue/E. Shields Avenue intersection and installation of lighting, high visibility crosswalks, pedestrian hybrid active crosswalk (HAWK), and reconstruction of curb returns at the N. Cedar Avenue/E. Fountain Way intersection.

The project will benefit the community by improving crossing safety at each proposed location.

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

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Jason Miller
City of Fresno
Capital Projects Department
2600 Fresno Street
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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. An example of this exemption

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includes existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

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 pedestrian facilities to improve safety. Additionally, installation of retroreflective back plates, advance stop bars, leading pedestrian intervals, intersection lighting, high visibility crosswalks, HAWK and reconstruction of curb returns to meet ADA requirements does not constitute an expansion of use, and will improve the public right-of-way without increasing road capacity. The proposed project involves negligible expansion of the existing use and will have substantially the same purpose.

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 exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 apply to this project. Therefore, a categorical exemption, as noted above, has been prepared for the project.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Jason Miller ***Telephone No.*** *(559) 621-8653*

Signature: Jason Miller **Date:** 12/1/25

Printed Name and Title:
Jason Miller, PE, Licensed Professional Engineer
Capital Projects Department, Design Services Division

☒ **Signed by Lead Agency** ☐ **Signed by applicant**

Attachments: Categorical Exemption Determination

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CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. PW01065

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: Jason Miller, PE
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PROJECT LOCATION: Intersection of N. Cedar Avenue and E. Shields Avenue and N. Cedar Avenue and E. Fountain Way.

(City of Fresno Council District 4)
(County of Fresno Supervisorial District 3)

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EXPLANATION:
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Date: December 1, 2025

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