

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Caltrans
2015 E. Shields Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Project Title: Airspace Site FLA-06-FRE-41-0006-03

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation

Project Location - Specific: Downtown Fresno, CA, south of Ventura Street and north of South Topeka Avenue

Project Location - City: Fresno

Project Location - County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

Caltrans is requesting clearance of a parcel in Downtown Fresno, CA, south of Ventura Street and north of South Topeka Avenue, directly under a portion of State Route 41. The parcel is currently under an active Airspace Lease (Tenancy Number FRE041-0006-02) that commenced on July 1, 2021, and expires on June 30, 2026. The current lease permits parking and open storage. The Airspace Division is requesting Conceptual/Preliminary approval from the DARC committee to continue to lease this parking lot site as an Airspace site for a maximum of 5 years. The use of this site will continue to be for daily parking.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Transportation

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Transportation

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));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 27 (a)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is exempt since no environmental impacts will take place, given that it is located on an existing parking lot.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John Thomas

Phone number: (559) 408-4496

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:  Date: 9/25/26 Title: Environmental Office Chief

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.