

<div>CITY OF FRESNO</div> <div>MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION</div>	<div>Notice of Intent was filed with:</div> <div>FRESNO COUNTY CLERK</div> <div>2220 Tulare Street, Fresno, CA 93721</div> <div>on</div> <div>October 28, 2019</div>
<div>PROJECT:</div> <div>Peach Avenue Widening Between Jensen and Butler Avenues Project</div>	
<div>PROJECT SPONSOR:</div> <div>City of Fresno, Department of Public Works, Engineering Services Division</div>	
<div>PROJECT LOCATION:</div> <div>Peach Avenue between Jensen and Butler Avenues</div> <div>±14.5 acres</div> <div>Site Latitude: 36° 43' 6.5" N</div> <div>Site Longitude: -119° 43' 6.5" W</div> <div>Mount Diablo Base &amp; Meridian</div> <div>Township 14S, Range 21E</div> <div>Sections 7,8,17,18, &amp; 19</div> <div>Assessor's Parcel Numbers:</div> <div>473-121-01, -02, -06, and -04</div> <div>481-020-31 and -47</div> <div>481-020-66X</div> <div>481-030-03 and -04</div> <div>481-090-28</div>	
<div>PROJECT DESCRIPTION:</div> <div>The project encompasses an approximately 1.57-mile segment of Peach Avenue in southeast Fresno. The segment extends from Butler Avenue on the north to a point approximately 730 feet south of Jensen Avenue on the south. The entire road segment is within with the City of Fresno except the portion south of Jensen Avenue, which is within the County of Fresno. The City proposes to construct improvements in the county area to allow a safe transition of Peach Avenue from a four-lane arterial street north of Jensen Avenue to a two-lane street south of Jensen Avenue.</div> <div>The project would result in the improvement of Peach Avenue to the City's arterial street standard. Peach Avenue would have curb, gutter, and sidewalks; bike lanes; four travel lanes; protected left-turn lanes; and landscaped median islands. The project includes a new traffic signal at Peach and Hamilton Avenues and modifications to existing traffic signals, Fresno Irrigation District facilities, and the railroad crossing on the California Avenue alignment.</div> <div>In order to widen Peach Avenue to a four-lane arterial street, the City must acquire or obtain by dedication additional land along segments of the road where the existing public right-of-way is too narrow to accommodate the proposed arterial street improvements.</div>	

The City of Fresno has conducted an Initial Study and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-described project. The environmental analysis contained in the Initial Study and this Mitigated Negative Declaration is tiered from Master Environmental Impact Report (MEIR) SCH No. 2012111015 prepared for the Fresno General Plan. A copy of the MEIR may be reviewed in the City of Fresno Development and Resource Management Department. The proposed project has been determined to be a subsequent project that is not fully within the scope of The MEIR SCH No. 2012111015 prepared for the Fresno General Plan. Pursuant to Public Resources Code §21157.1 and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines §15177, this project has been evaluated with respect to each item on the attached environmental checklist to determine whether this project may cause any additional significant effect on the environment which was not previously examined in the MEIR. After conducting a review of the adequacy of the MEIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21157.6(b)(1), the City of Fresno, as lead agency, finds that no substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the MEIR was certified and that no new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time that the MEIR was certified as complete, has become available.

This completed environmental impact checklist form, its associated narrative, and proposed mitigation measures reflect applicable comments of responsible and trustee agencies and research and analysis conducted to examine the interrelationship between the proposed project and the physical environment. The information contained in the project application and its related environmental assessment application, responses to requests for comment, checklist, initial study narrative, and any attachments thereto, combine to form a record indicating that an initial study has been completed in compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines and the CEQA.

All new development activity and many non-physical projects contribute directly or indirectly toward cumulative impacts on the physical environment. It has been determined that the incremental effect contributed by this project toward cumulative impacts is not considered substantial or significant in itself, and/or that cumulative impacts accruing from this project may be mitigated to less than significant with application of feasible mitigation measures.

Based upon the evaluation guided by the environmental checklist form, it was determined that there are foreseeable impacts from the Project that are additional to those identified in the MEIR, and/or impacts which require mitigation measures not included in the MEIR Mitigation Measure Checklist.

The completed environmental checklist form indicates whether an impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. For some categories of potential impacts, the checklist may indicate that a specific adverse environmental effect has been identified which is of sufficient magnitude to be of concern. Such an effect may be inherent in the nature and magnitude of the project, or may be related to the design and characteristics of the individual project. Effects so rated are not sufficient in themselves to require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report, and have been mitigated to the extent feasible. With the project specific mitigation imposed, there is no substantial evidence in the record that this project may have additional significant, direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the environment that are significant and that were not identified and analyzed in the MEIR. Both the MEIR mitigation checklist measures and the project-specific mitigation checklist measures will be imposed on this project.

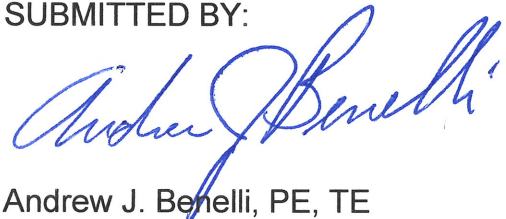
The Initial Study has concluded that the proposed project will not result in any adverse effect which fall within the "Mandatory Findings of Significance" contained in Section 16065 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

The finding is, therefore, made that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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PUBLIC WORKS

DATE: October 23, 2019

Attachments: Initial Study

MEIR Mitigation Monitoring Checklist (Attachment 1 to Initial Study)

Project Specific Mitigation Monitoring Checklist (Attachment 2 to Initial Study)