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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Peach Avenue Widening Between Jensen and Butler Avenues Project

Lead Agency: City of Fresno

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Project Location: Fresno (*City*) Fresno (*County*)

Project Decription (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The project encompasses an approximately 1.57-mile segment of Peach Avenue in southeast Fresno, referred to in this Initial Study as the “project area.” 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.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.

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.

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Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

City of Fresno has incorporated into the project mitigation measures for potentially significant project impacts:
Aesthetics: Mitigate for tree removal with replacement trees.

Biological Resources: Mitigate for potential special status birds with pre-construction surveys, avoidance and construction buffers, as necessary.

Cultural Resources: Mitigate for unanticipated cultural discoveries by halting construction activity and having discovery evaluated by certified professional archaeologist. Mitigate for unanticipated human remains discoveries by halting construction activity and notifying County Coroner and NAHC if remains are determined to be of Native American decent.

Geology and Soils: Mitigate for unanticipated fossil discoveries by halting construction activity and having discovery evaluated by certified professional paleontologist.

Hydrology and Water Quality: Mitigation for impact to FMFCD facilities through a Development Agreement.

Noise: Mitigate for construction-generated noise through limited hours/days, noise reducing equipment, and nworking with Storey Elementary School to reduce impact.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no areas of controversy on environmental issues known to City of Fresno.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife: Review project for impacts on biological resources.

California Public Utilities Commission: Approve railroad crossing design and construction.

County of Fresno: Approve street design and construction for the segment of Peach Avenue south of Jensen Avenue.

Fresno Irrigation District: Approve design and construction of Central No. 23 Canal Box Culvert Extension and Braly No. 14 Pipeline Crossing in accordance with the requirements noted in FID's letter dated February 21, 2019 (included as Appendix F to the Initial Study).

Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District: Approve design and construction of flood control facilities in accordance with the provisions of FMFCD's letter dated August 26, 2013 (included as Appendix G to the Initial Study).