

Notice of Exemption

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From (Public Agency) City of Fresno
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Fresno, CA 93721
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County of Fresno

Project Title: Ashlan Sidewalks from Effie to State Route 41

Project Location-Specific City: Fresno

Project Location-County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will acquire public Right of Way and construct missing concrete sidewalk on both sides of Ashlan from Effie to State Route 41.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project City of Fresno

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project Eric Johnson, City of Fresno EJ

Exempt Status (check one)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 15073)

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 15071(a))

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 15071(b) and (8))

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number. Section 15301, Class 1 and 15303, Class 3

Reasons why project is exempt: This project is found to be Categorical Exempt set forth in CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301 Class 1 as this project consists of the repair public structures and involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existed at time of lead agency's determination and 15303 Class 3 which consists of construction on new small facilities or structures (missing concrete sidewalk)

Lead Agency Contact Person Eric Johnson Area Code / Telephone / Extension 559/621-8671

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

EJ 12/18/19 Engineer II
Signature Date Title

☒ Signed by lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant Date received for filing at OPR:

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**CITY OF FRESNO
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. EA-17-021**

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: City of Fresno
Department of Public Works
Fresno, CA 93721

PROJECT LOCATION: East Ashlan Avenue between North Effie Street and State Route 41;
within the City and County of Fresno, CA. (APNs: 428-23-313, -314, -
315, -316, -317, -318, -319, -320, 436-02-202, -203, -204, -205)

(Council District 7, Councilmember Olivier)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Fresno, Public Works Department, is proposing to, along one block of East Ashlan Avenue, (1) acquire 4,500 square feet of additional right-of-way, (2) demolish and reconstruct drive approaches, (3) construct 9,300 square feet of sidewalk to create a 10-foot sidewalk pattern, and (4) restore any damaged irrigation or turf and landscaping found in areas of the proposed sidewalk.

This project is exempt under Sections 15301/Class 1 and 15303/Class 3 of the State of California CEQA Guidelines. None of the exceptions to Categorical Exemptions set forth in the CEQA Guidelines, Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

EXPLANATION:

Section 15301/Class 1 consists 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. Examples include but are not limited to existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety).

Section 15303/Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include, but are not limited to water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction.

The proposed project consists of the construction of approximately 9,300 square feet of concrete sidewalk, with the acquisition of approximately 4,500 square feet of private property in which the sidewalk will be constructed. The subject properties are located within a developed urban area, designated as corridor – center mixed use planned use, and substantially surrounded by urban uses. The site has no value as habitat for endangered, rare or threatened species. No adverse environmental impacts would occur as a result of the proposed project. The site can be adequately

served by sewer and water facilities.

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.

Date: September 27, 2017

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