

Notice of Exemption


Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Project Title: Avenue 80 Railroad Crossing Improvements Project

Project Location - Specific: Teviston, CA - Avenue 80 between Road 126 and Road 128/Bishop Dr.

Project Location- Section, Township, Range: T23S/R25E

Project Location - City: West of the unincorporated community of Teviston, CA Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the safety of the railroad crossing by improving the railroad crossing located on Avenue 80 and Road 128/Bishop Drive off-ramp intersection. The project includes pavement reconstruction and resurfacing up to the Railroad tracks, reconstruction of approximately 80 feet of an asphalt dike in front of railroad warning devices, and related improvements (signing/stripping, etc.). No additional right-of-way will be acquired and no construction work outside the existing right-of-way will occur. Construction activities will include roadway excavation, placement of aggregate base and pavement, and signing/stripping installation. This project is funded by the Railway-Highway Crossings (Section 130) Program. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities. Construction is anticipated to begin during the 3rd Quarter 2020.

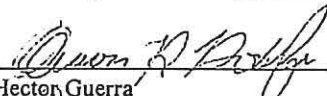
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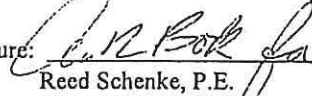
- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- ☒ Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions:

Reasons why project is exempt: This action is consistent with Section 15301 Class 1, Existing Facilities (c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities. Also, consistent with Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, the County of Tulare Board of Supervisors adopted an exemption for the construction of the aforementioned facilities per the Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14). Therefore, the application of CEQA Section 15301 and Tulare County Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA of 1970, Section 300 (c)(14) are applicable and appropriate for this project.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Tulare, Resource Management Agency

Project Planner/Representative: Reed Schenke, Director Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7142

Signature:  Date: 4.20.20 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
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Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A