NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk County of Fresno 2220 Tulare Street, 1st Floor Fresno, CA 93721

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.

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PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Assessment No. 2022-14

Reedley Alley Paving 2020

PROJECT LOCATION: Alley Locations in Reedley, CA 93654 (see Vicinity Map):

Alley 1: Between Cypress and Ponderosa from Columbia to Pecan

Alley 2: Between B and C Streets from 10th to 11th Alley 3: Between D and E Streets from 9th to 10th Alley 4: Between D and E Streets from 12th to 13th Alley 5: Between D and E Streets from 13th to 14th Alley 6: Gum Avenue from East to Sunset Avenue

Alley 7: Between Early and Duff Avenues from Sunset to Columbia

Alley 8: Between E and F Street from 15th to East Avenue Alley 9: Between F and G Streets from 16th to East Avenue

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of alley excavation, paving of dirt alley ways, tree

removal, installation of ADA compliant driveway approaches, sidewalk, valley gutter, and minor storm drain items within 9 alley locations within the City of Reedley. The project is consistent with the 2030 General Plan

Update, Chapter 3, Circulation Element, Figure 3-1 – Circulation

Diagram.

This project is exempt under Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) and Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EXPLANATION: Section 15301(c) (Class 1/Existing Facilities), exempts from the provisions of CEQA

projects characterized as repair of existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, and bicycle and pedestrian trails, and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes. The proposed

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alley paving project is designed consistent with the City of Reedley Standard Specifications and Standard Drawings. The proposed alley paving project includes alley excavation, paving of dirt alley ways, tree removal, installation of ADA compliant driveway approaches, sidewalk, valley gutter, and minor storm drain items within, which would not create additional automobile lanes. Therefore, this project is exempted under this Section.

Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) of the CEQA Guidelines also exempts projects that are consistent with the General Plan and zoning; occur within the city limits on a site less than five acres; contain no habitat for endangered species; would not result in any significant effects relating to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality; and can be adequately served by all required utilities and public services.

The proposed roadway project is consistent with the 2030 General Plan Update, Chapter 3, Circulation Element, Figure 3.1 – Circulation Diagram, the purpose of which is to provide a surface transportation system for the general welfare of the community. The project occurs in the city limits of Reedley and is on an affected area that is less than five acres with no habitat for endangered species on the site. The project site is existing streets in an urban area, which has a high level of disturbance within, and adjacent to the project area, therefore it lacks suitable habitat for endangered species. The project would be required to comply with general plan policies and mitigation measures addressed in the Reedley General Plan 2030 Program EIR (SCH# 2010031106), which would determine that the project would not result in any significant effects related to traffic, noise, air quality or water quality.

The proposed alley paving project is an exemption characterized under Section 15301 (Class 1/Existing Facilities) and Section 15332 (Class 32/Infill Development Projects) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Date: October 14, 2022 Submitted by:

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