



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: November 17, 2015

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: Authorization to Bid Various (Stop Controlled) Intersections Safety Improvement Project

- REQUEST(S):**
- That the Board of Supervisors:
1. Adopt the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines (General Rule Exemption per Section 15061(b)(3)) and Section 15300.4, Application by Public Agencies, for the Various (Stop Controlled) Intersections Safety Improvement Project;
 2. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk;
 3. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the construction of the Various (Stop Controlled) Intersections Safety Improvements Project;
 4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans; and
 5. Approve the advertisement for bids of the Various (Stop Controlled) Intersections Safety Improvement Project.

SUMMARY:

In response to a call for projects in 2012 from the Highway Safety Improvement Program, the Resource Management Agency performed a traffic collision analysis and pavement evaluation of various stop controlled intersections throughout the

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County. During this analysis, Sixty four (64) intersections were determined to require improvements.

The Project incorporates safety improvements at the various intersections that will generally consist of new traffic signs and pavement markings. Seven (7) intersections will require pavement rehabilitation.

This Project has been determined to be Categorically Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements under Section 15301 of the CEQA guidelines.

This Project has been determined to be Categorically Excluded from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements under 23 CFR 771.117(c); activity (c)(3). Caltrans, acting through delegated authority from the Federal Highway Administration, has completed the NEPA clearance for this Project.

Construction is anticipated to begin in the Winter of 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no net cost to the County General Fund.

The total project costs are as follows:

Preliminary Engineering:	\$33,000
Construction:	\$841,000
Construction Contingency:	\$84,000
Construction Engineering:	\$34,000
Total:	\$992,000

This project is being funded by the following sources:

Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP):	\$891,500
Roads Fund (local match):	\$100,500
Total:	\$992,000


LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

This Project will enhance the safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for both the general population in the region and the motorists using this facility.

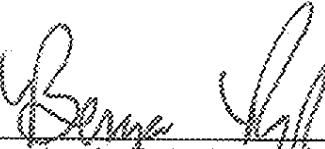
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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

 11/3/15

Reed Schenke, P.E. Date
Chief Engineer

 11/3/15

Benjamin Ruiz Jr., S.E., P.E. Date
Assistant Director – Public Works, Interim

BR:jk

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s): Attachment A – Categorical Exemption
Attachment B – Bid Documents (On file with the Clerk to the Board)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO)
BID VARIOUS (STOP CONTROLLED)) Resolution No. _____
INTERSECTIONS SAFETY IMPROVEMENT)
PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD
OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 2015, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: MICHAEL C. SPATA, INTERIM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A – Categorical Exemption

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

To: Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

Tulare County Clerk
Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

Lead Agency: Tulare County Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, Ca 93277

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works
5961 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277

Ph: (559) 624-7134

Project Title: County-wide Safety Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: Various locations throughout Tulare Count. See Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto

Project Location - Section, Township, Range: N/A

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The County of Tulare proposes to upgrade existing signs, striping, markings, and install wireless flashing beacons at various locations throughout the county. Each location may require approximately 3.5 feet depth of excavation for pole installation as necessary. Existing poles in good condition will be retained and signs merely replaced and/or wireless flashing beacons installed. No trees or vegetation will be removed and all construction-related work will occur within existing right-of-way; therefore, no right-of-way will be required. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure and traffic control devices for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities.


Exempt Status: (check one)

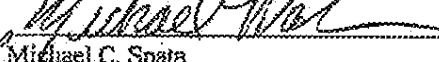
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- General Rule: CEQA guidelines 15061 (b)(3)
- Categorical Exemption: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)
- Statutory Exemptions:

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 installation of traffic control devices (such as signage, striping, markings, and flashing beacons) 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: Benjamin Ruiz, Assistant Director-Public Works Area Code/Telephoner: 559-624-7134

Signature:  Date: 11/2/15 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 11/2/15 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Michael C. Spata

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A

**Fifty Two (52) Intersections Safety Improvements
Index Map for PES**

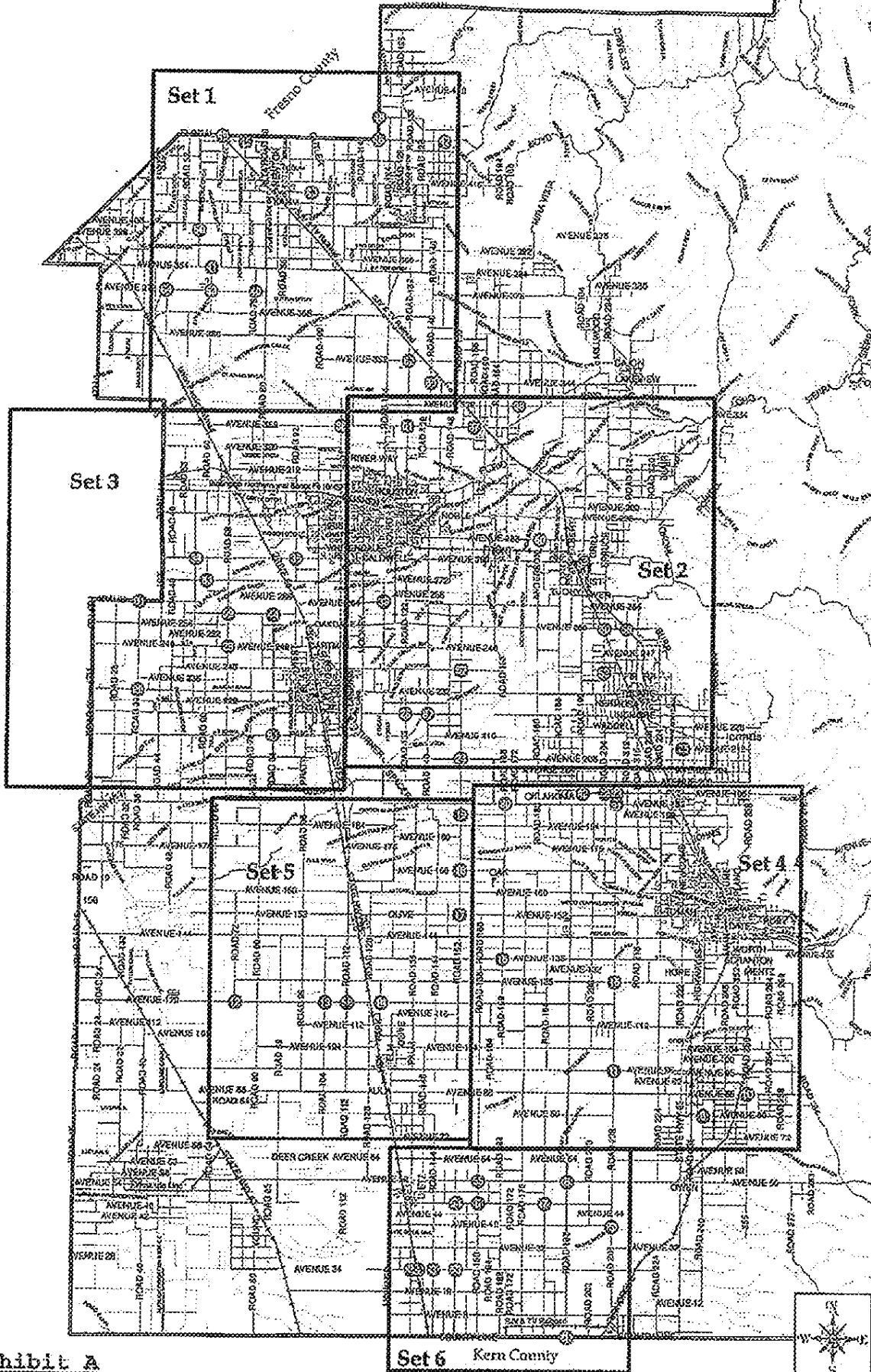


Exhibit A

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Exhibit B
Various Stop Controlled Intersections
HRRRL 5946(135)

Ref. No.	Avenues	Roads
1	AVENUE 0 (COUNTY LINE RD)	ROAD 192
2	AVENUE 24	ROAD 136
3	AVENUE 24	ROAD 144
4	AVENUE 24	ROAD 140 D
5	AVENUE 40	ROAD 208
6	AVENUE 48	ROAD 160
7	AVENUE 48	ROAD 184
8	AVENUE 56	ROAD 192
9	AVENUE 80	ROAD 240
10	AVENUE 88	ROAD 256
11	AVENUE 95	ROAD 208
12	AVENUE 120	ROAD 72
13	AVENUE 120	ROAD 104
14	AVENUE 120	ROAD 124
15	AVENUE 128	ROAD 208
16	AVENUE 136	ROAD 168
17	AVENUE 152	ROAD 152
18	AVENUE 168	ROAD 152
19	AVENUE 188	ROAD 152
20	AVENUE 192	ROAD 168
21	AVENUE 192	ROAD 208
22	AVENUE 196	ROAD 204
23	AVENUE 196	ROAD 208
24	AVENUE 208	ROAD 152
25	AVENUE 212	ROAD 232
26	AVENUE 224	ROAD 132
27	AVENUE 224	ROAD 140
28	AVENUE 232	ROAD 36
29	AVENUE 248	ROAD 68
30	AVENUE 256	ROAD 204
31	AVENUE 254	ROAD 36
32	AVENUE 264	ROAD 124
33	AVENUE 272	ROAD 60
34	AVENUE 280	ROAD 56
35	AVENUE 280	ROAD 92 (Shirk)
36	AVENUE 328	ROAD 108
37	AVENUE 328	ROAD 156
38	AVENUE 336	ROAD 172
39	AVENUE 344	ROAD 140
40	AVENUE 376	ROAD 76
41	AVENUE 384	ROAD 60
42	AVENUE 196	ROAD 196
43	AVENUE 412	ROAD 96
44	AVENUE 416	ROAD 52
45	AVENUE 430	ROAD 72
46	AVENUE 432	ROAD 120
47	AVENUE 432	ROAD 144
48	AVENUE 440	ROAD 120
49	AVENUE 432 (Floral Ave)	ROAD 64 (Burtonwillow)
50	AVENUE 367 (Lawrence Ave)	ROAD 56
51	AVE 216	ROAD 84
52	AVENUE 240 (Palm Ave)	ROAD 204 (Spruce Ave)
53	AVENUE 24	ROAD 152
54	AVENUE 48	ROAD 152
55	AVENUE 56	ROAD 160
56	AVENUE 120	ROAD 112
57	AVENUE 240	ROAD 152
58	AVENUE 256	ROAD 212
59	AVENUE 280	ROAD 68
60	AVENUE 288	ROAD 180
61	AVENUE 328	ROAD 132
62	AVENUE 352	ROAD 132
63	AVENUE 376	ROAD 60
64	AVENUE 376	ROAD 44

Attachment B – Bid Documents