RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: October 3, 2017

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

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

SUBJECT: One-Way STOP Control at Intersections on Road 152 at Avenue 336, Northwest of Ivanhoe

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption;

2. Find there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) general rule exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970;

3. Direct the Environmental Assessment Officer of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, or their designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.

4. Approve the designation of a One-Way STOP controlled intersection located on the north and south segments of Road 152 at Avenue 336, located northwest of the community of Ivanhoe; and

5. Authorize the installation of one STOP sign on the north and one STOP sign on the south segment of Road 152 at Avenue 336, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.04 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

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SUMMARY:

These intersections are located northwest of the community of Ivanhoe, within the County of Tulare. Avenue 336 runs east and west, and Road 152 runs north and south. The south segment of Road 152 ends at Avenue 336 resulting in a "T" intersection. Road 152 continues to the north approximately 350 feet east of the south segment on Avenue 336 resulting in another "T" intersection. This segment traverses at a northwesterly direction until it aligns with the southerly segment of Road 152. The prima facie speed limit for both roadway segments is 55 miles per hour and both intersections are currently uncontrolled.

In response to traffic safety concerns at these intersections, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and found that the installation of Stop signs at these locations would enhance and improve traffic safety at these intersections.

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD), Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections, states in part; "State or local laws written in accordance with the 'Uniform Vehicle Code' ... establish the right-of-way rule at intersections having no regulatory traffic control signs such that the driver of a vehicle approaching an intersection must yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection ...The right-of-way can be modified at through streets or highways by placing YIELD or STOP signs on one or more approaches."

Section 2B.04, paragraph 3 further states "YIELD or STOP signs should be used at an intersection if one or more of the following conditions exist:

A. An intersection of a less important road with a main road where application of the normal right-of-way rule would not be expected to provide reasonable compliance with the law;
B. A street entering a designated through highway or street; and/or
C. An unsignalized intersection in a signalized area."

In addition, the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

These intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.04, Right of Way at Intersections and Condition A for the installation of a One-Way STOP control. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of a One-Way STOP control on the north and south segments of Road 152 at Avenue 336.

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County RMA, Environmental Planning Division, and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is determined to be Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule Exemption).

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There will be No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing two STOP signs on Road 152 is estimated to be approximately $1000 and is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. The installation of a One-Way STOP control at these locations will enhance intersection circulation and safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

RS:jw

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

Attachment(s): Attachment A - Vicinity Map
Attachment B - CEQA Exemption

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

IN THE MATTER OF ONE-WAY STOP CONTROL AT INTERSECTIONS ON ROAD 152 AT AVENUE 336, NORTHWEST OF IVANHOE) **Resolution No.** _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 3, 2017, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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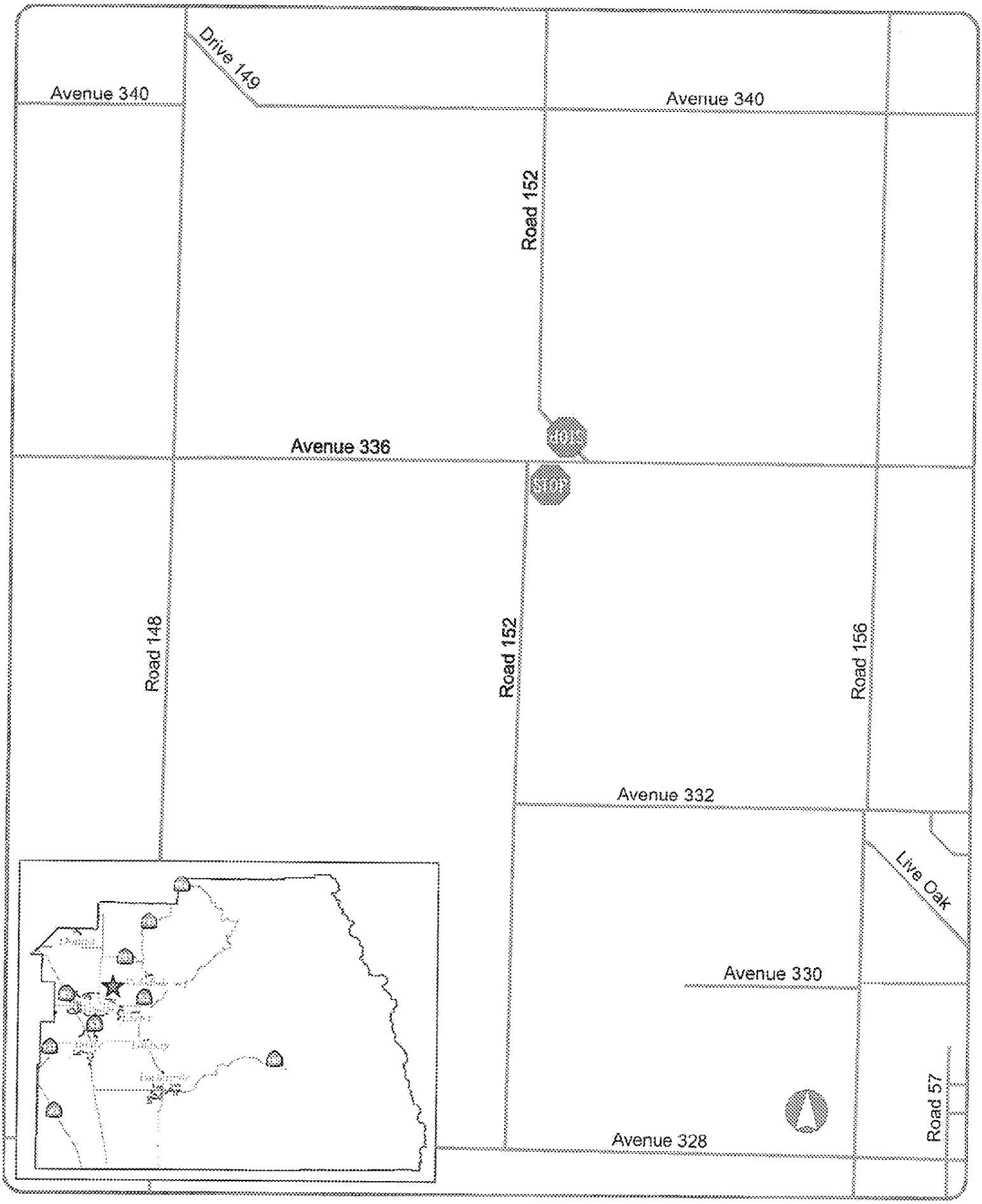
Attachment A



Vicinity Map – Road 152 & Avenue 336

Attachment A

Attachment B

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

Date received by Tulare County Clerk

Lead Agency: Tulare County -- Resource Management Agency
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277 ph: 559-624-7000
Attn: hguerra@co.tulare.ca.us

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works ph: 559-624-7142
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Activity / Project Title: One-Way STOP controlled intersections on Road 152 at Avenue 336

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 152 at Avenue 336, northwest of Ivanhoe, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of S35 T17S R25E

Activity / Project Location: Northwest of the community of Ivanhoe, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and safety at the intersections of Road 152 and Avenue 336, northeast of the community of Ivanhoe, CA. At this location, there are two currently uncontrolled "T" intersections with no stop signs – Road 152 to the north and to the south of Avenue 336.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety at these intersections, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. The Traffic Operations division determined that these intersections are in need of a controlled Stop, and they meet the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and is consistent with the California Vehicle Code (CVC), Section 22450(c), which states in part that "a local authority may adopt rules and regulations by ordinance or resolution providing for the placement of a stop sign at any location on a highway under its jurisdiction where the stop sign would enhance traffic safety".

Exempt Status:

☐ Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268));

☐ Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3);15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4);15269(b)(c));

X Categorical Exemptions: General Rule Exemption: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3))

☐ Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: This activity/project is intended to enhance vehicular safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections of the CA MUTCD and CVC Section 22450(c). As such, the activity/project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption on the ground that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity (installation of Stop signs) may have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15061, subd. (b)(3)).

Name of Public Agency Approving Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: Reed Schenke, P.E., Director - Public Works **Telephone:** (559) 624-7142

Signature: _____ Date: 9/19/17 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: _____ Date: 9/19/17 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke

X Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: N/A