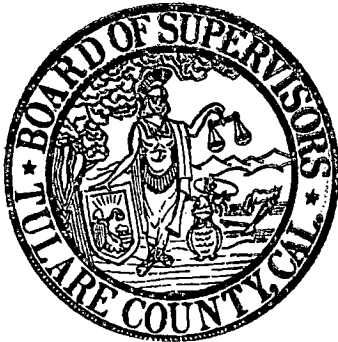


BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL)
AT THE INTERSECTION OF ELM ROAD) Resolution No. 2018-0199
AND SCHOOL AVENUE, IN EARLIMART)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR CROCKER, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2018, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: SUPERVISORS CROCKER, VANDER POEL, SHUKLIAN, WORTHLEY AND ENNIS
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



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

BY: Mary Ruello
Deputy Clerk

1. Approved 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. Found there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determined 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. Directed the Environmental Assessment Officer of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency, or designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.
4. Approved the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Elm Road (R137) and School Avenue (A50), in the community of Earlimart; and
5. Authorized the installation of STOP signs on Elm Road at the intersection of School Avenue in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.07 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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**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER
District One

PETE VANDER FOEL
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY
District Four

MIKE ENNIS
District Five

AGENDA DATE: March 20, 2018

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 type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

SUBJECT: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Elm Road and School Avenue, in Earlimart

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 designee, to file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.
4. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Elm Road (R137) and School Avenue (A50), in the community of Earlimart; and
5. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Elm Road at the intersection of School Avenue in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.07 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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DATE: March 20, 2018

SUMMARY:

The intersection of Elm Road (R137) and School Avenue (A50) is located in the community of Earlimart, within Tulare County. Elm Road runs north and south and School Avenue runs east and west. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on School Avenue whereas Elm Road is uncontrolled. There are existing crosswalks for the west, north and south leg of the intersection as there are schools located northwesterly of the intersection.

Located on the northwest corner of this intersection is the newly completed Earlimart Neighborhood Park. While this park serves to provide recreational activities to the community, it has caused an increase of pedestrian traffic going to and from the park. In response to safety concerns by nearby residents and school officials regarding this increase of pedestrian traffic at this intersection, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and concluded that this intersection would meet the warrant for an All-Way STOP control.

Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) states in part "Multi-way stop control can be useful as a safety measure at intersections if certain traffic conditions exist. Safety concerns associated with multi-way stops include pedestrians, bicyclist, and all road users expecting other road users to stop." Other criteria for consideration includes "The need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near locations that generate high pedestrian volumes."

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".

This intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 for the installation of a Multi-Way Stop. As such, RMA staff recommends approval of the installation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Elm Road (R137) and School Avenue (A50).

A Categorical Exemption was prepared by the Tulare County Environmental Planning Division and approved by the Environmental Assessment Officer. The activity/project is considered Exempt under Categorical per Title 14 CCR Section 15061(b)(3), general rule exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

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

The cost of installing All-Way STOP signs on Elm Road at the intersection of School Avenue is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

SUBJECT: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Elm Road and School Avenue, in Earlimart

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LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Strategic Initiative: Safety and security includes the goal of improving and maintaining adequate transportation infrastructure. Installation of an All-Way STOP control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



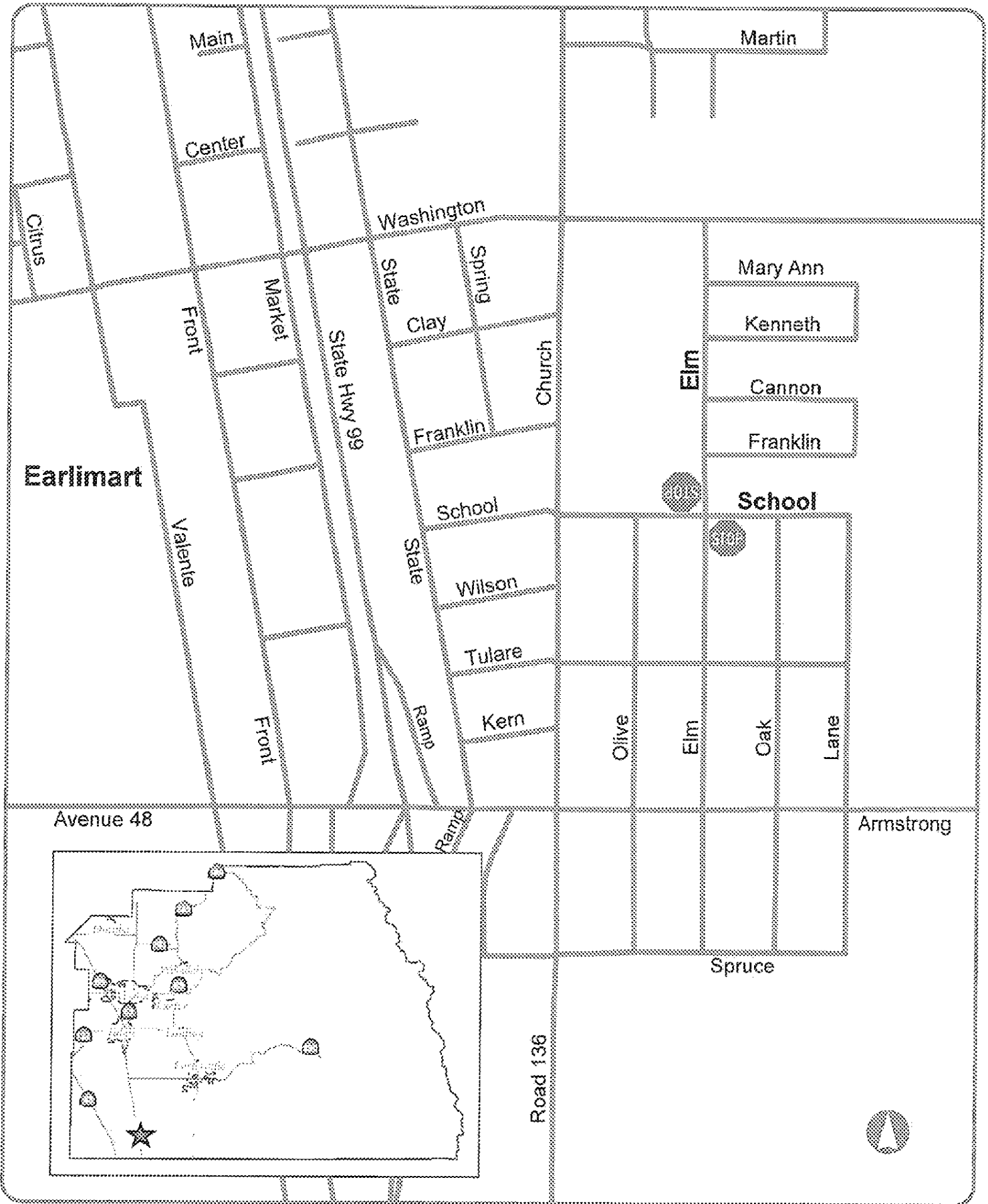
Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

RS:jw

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

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

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: Ali-Way STOP control at the intersection of Elm Road and School Avenue in Earlimart

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Elm Road (R137) and School Avenue (A50), Earlimart, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S34 T23S R25E

Activity / Project Location: Within the community of Earlimart, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety at the intersection of Elm Road and School Avenue in the community of Earlimart, CA. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop Controlled intersection, with Stops on School Avenue.

In response to concerns from nearby residents regarding pedestrian safety at this intersection, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety at this intersection, the Traffic Operations Division determined this intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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".

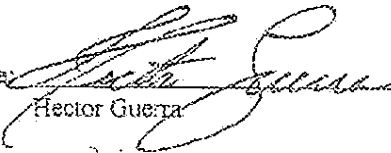
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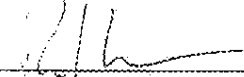
- Ministerial (PRC Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (PRC Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (PRC Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemptions: General Rule Exemption: (14 Cal. Code Regs. Section 15061(b)(3))**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

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.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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: 2/27/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 2/27/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A