

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

IN THE MATTER OF ONE-WAY STOP)
 CONTROL ON ROAD 127 AT AVENUE 413) Resolution No. 2018-0629
 IN OROSI)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ENNIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SHUKLIAN, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 24, 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 Ronello
 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 a One-Way STOP controlled intersection on Road 127 at Avenue 413, located in the community of Oroshi; and
5. Authorized the installation of a STOP sign on Road 127 at Avenue 413, 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).



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

KUYLER CROCKER
District One

PETE VANDER POEL
District Two

AMY SHUKLIAN
District Three

J. STEVEN WORTHLEY
District Four

MIKE ENNIS
District Five

AGENDA DATE: July 24, 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"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	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: One-Way STOP Control on Road 127 at Avenue 413 in Orosi

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 a One-Way STOP controlled intersection on Road 127 at Avenue 413, located in the community of Orosi; and
5. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Road 127 at Avenue 413 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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DATE: July 24, 2018

SUMMARY:

This is an uncontrolled 'T' intersection located in the community of Orosi, within Tulare County. Road 127 runs north and south, and 'T's into Avenue 413 which runs east and west. There are school crosswalks on two legs of the intersection, with elementary schools to the northwest. Road 127 becomes a private drive south of Avenue 413, where residents there are concerned with traffic traveling through this uncontrolled intersection and mistaking their private drive to be the continuation of Road 127.

In response to these concerns by nearby residents regarding traffic safety at this uncontrolled intersection, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and found that the installation of a Stop sign at this location would enhance and improve the traffic safety at this intersection.

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".

This 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 Road 127 at Avenue 413 in Orosi.

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.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:


No Net County Cost.

The cost of installing one STOP sign on Road 127 at Avenue 413 is estimated to be approximately \$500 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 this location will enhance intersection circulation and safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

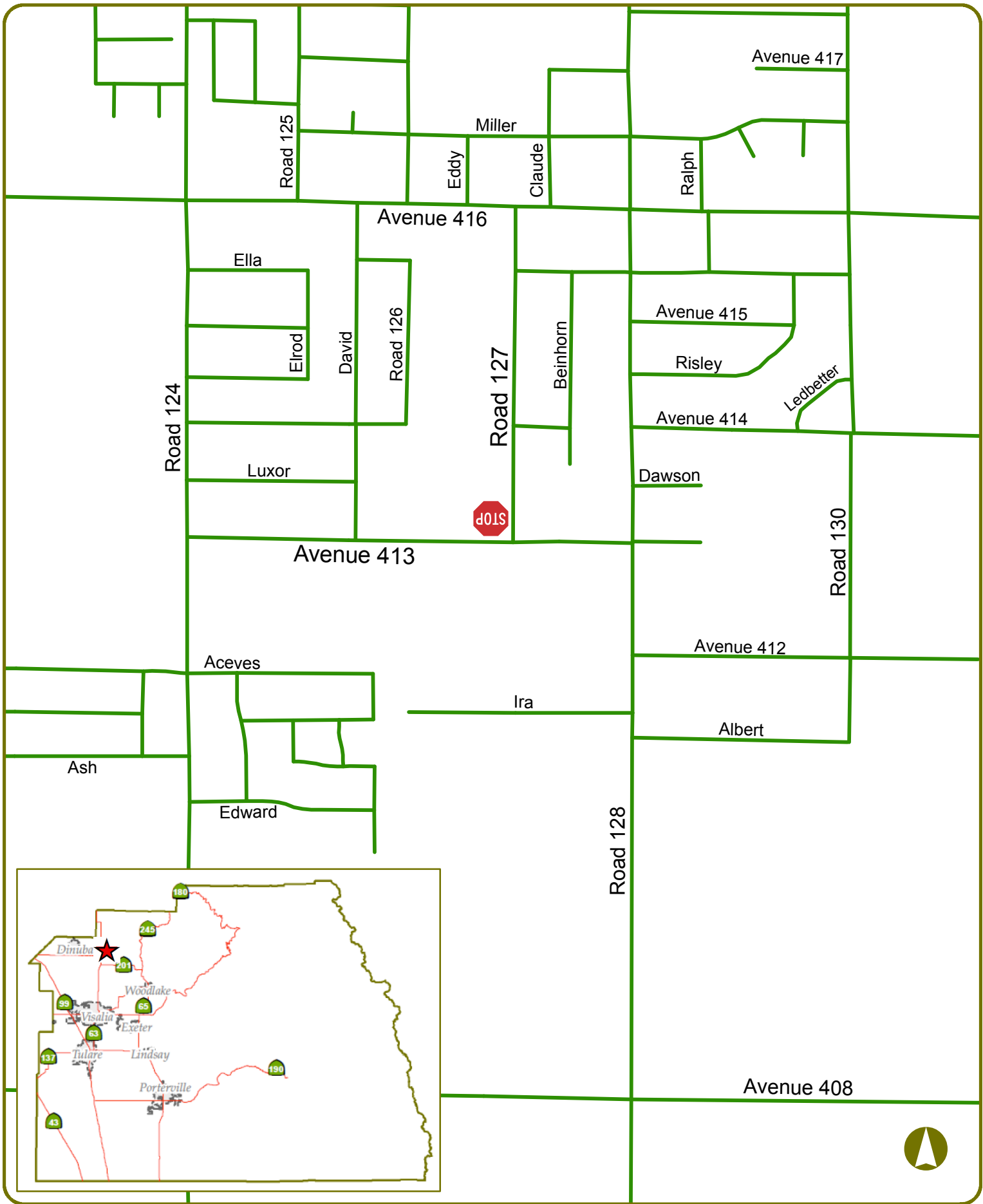


Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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

<i>Date received by Tulare County Clerk</i>

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
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

ph: 559-624-7142

Activity / Project Title: One-Way STOP control on Road 127 at Avenue 413 in Orosi

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 127 at Avenue 413 in Orosi, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of S18 T16S R25E

Activity / Project Location: Within the community of Orosi, 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 Road 127 and Avenue 413, in the community of Orosi, CA. This location is currently an uncontrolled "T" intersection, with no Stop signs.

In response to concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety at this intersection, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. The Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection is in need of a controlled Stop, and meets 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));
- 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 and pedestrian 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 a stop sign) 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: 7/9/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature:  _____ Date: 7/12/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A