

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO)
BID SPACER DRIVE (D134) SAFETY) Resolution No. 2018-0651
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR ENNIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR VANDER POEL, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD JULY 31, 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: *Milany Ronello*
Deputy Clerk

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1. Adopted the Categorical Exemption prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines General Rule Exemption per Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities; respectively, for the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project; and
2. Authorized the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk; and
3. Approved the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the construction of the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project; and
4. Authorized the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans; and
5. Approved the advertisement for bids of the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project.



**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 31, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input 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

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REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

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SUMMARY:

On November 21, 2016, Tulare County was awarded funding in the amount of \$260,000 through Cycle 8 of the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for

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the design and construction of the Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project. The HSIP is a core federal-aid program to States for the purpose of achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The Spacer Drive (D134) Safety Improvements Project (the Project) proposes to improve the safety of a 2.5-mile stretch of Spacer Drive (D134) between Road 124 and Road 136 by adding edge line rumble strips and warning flashing beacons at the intersections. Improvements also include replacing existing signage and updating existing striping with 6-inch wide striping.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has also determined that two categorical exemptions: State CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs.) Section 15300.4 Application by Public Agencies and Section 15301 Existing Facilities; respectively, are applicable to the proposed action.

The Plans and Specifications for the Project are complete and ready to be approved by the Board of Supervisors. Construction is anticipated to begin Fall of 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

The total cost for the construction phase is estimated to be \$230,800, which consists of approximately \$182,400 in construction costs, \$18,200 in contingencies and \$30,200 in construction engineering costs.

County Road Funds will be used to fund the construction and construction engineering phase of the project, which will be fully reimbursed by the HSIP.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security and Economic Well Being – 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

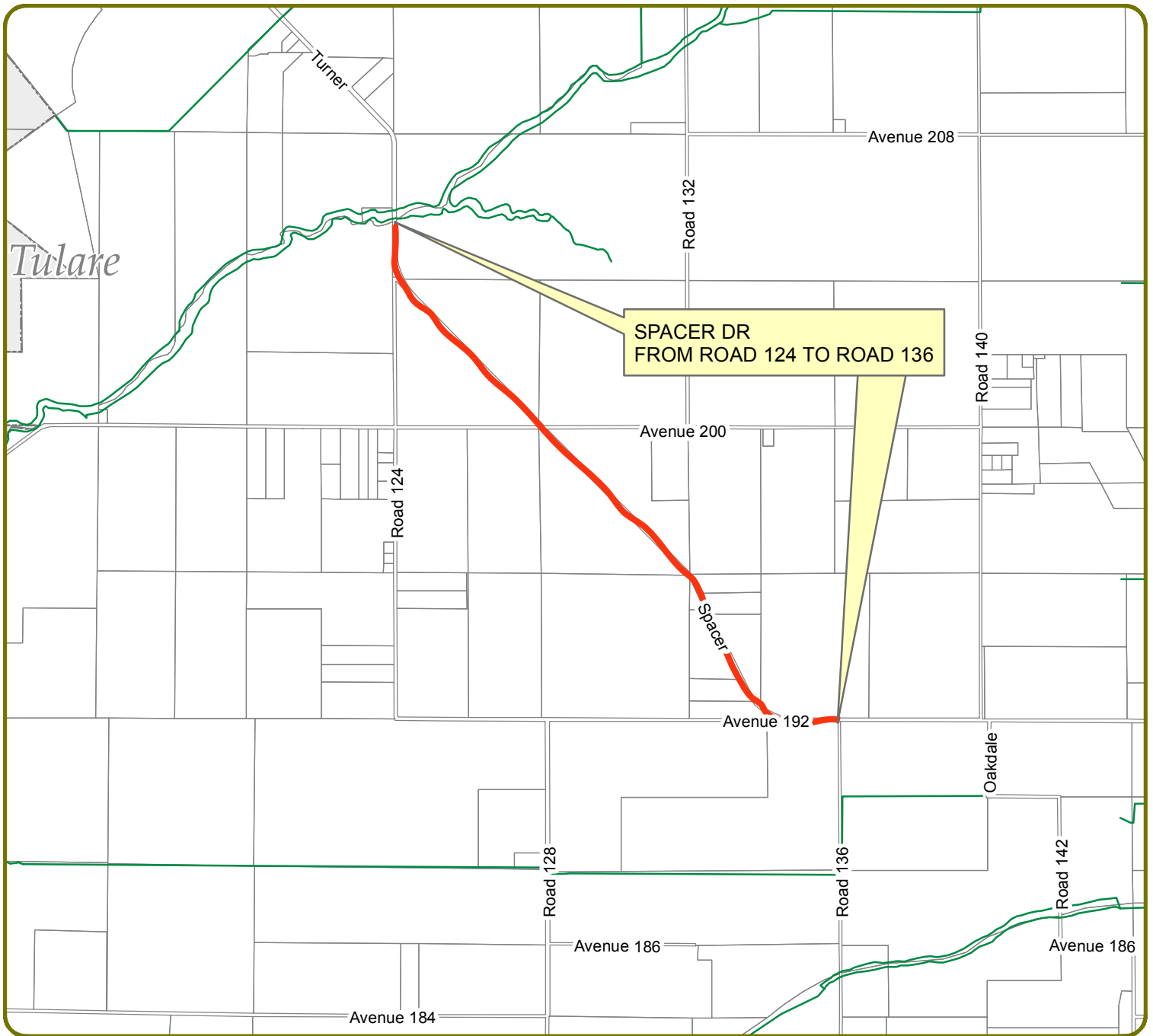


Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

cc: County Administrative Office

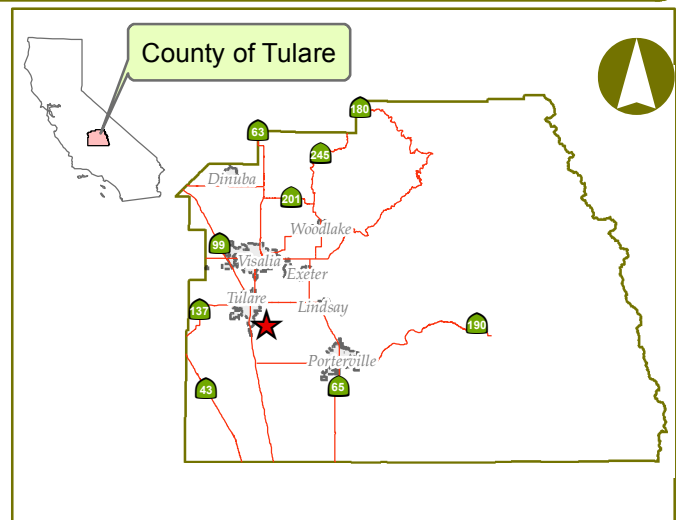
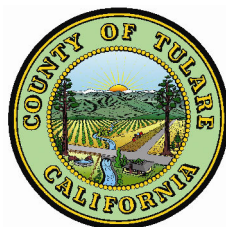
Attachment (s): Attachment A – Vicinity Map
Attachment B – Notice of Exemption
Attachment C – Bid Documents (On file with clerk to the board)

Attachment A
Vicinity Map



Legend

 Project Location



County of Tulare-Spacer Dr. HSIP Cycle 8 Vicinity Map

Attachment B
Notice of Exemption

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Room 105, Courthouse
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93291

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 Boulevard
Visalia, CA 93277 Ph: (559) 624-7000

Dated filed at Tulare County Clerk's Office

Project Title: Spacer Drive Safety Improvement Project

Project Location - Specific: near Tulare, CA – Spacer Drive (Drive 134) from Road 124 to Road 136.

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

Project Location - City: near City of Tulare **Project Location - County:** Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the safety of a 2.5-mile stretch of Spacer Drive between Road 124 to Road 136 by adding edge line rumble strips and adding warning flashing beacons at the intersections. Improvements will also include replacing existing signage, and replacing the edge line striping with 6-inch wide striping. No additional right-of-way will be acquired and no construction work outside the existing right-of-way will occur. This project is funded by the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for fiscal year 2018/2019. Thus, this project will provide a public benefit by improving safety and security of the public by improving the transportation infrastructure for the general population in the region and motorists using these facilities. Construction is anticipated to begin during the 4th Quarter 2018.

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 construction 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: Reed Schenke, Director Area Code/Telephone: 559-624-7142

Signature: Hector Guerra Date: 6/12/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner

Signature: FOR Reed Schenke, P.E. Date: 6/12/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A