

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

IN THE MATTER OF STOP CONTROLLED)
 INTERSECTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY) Resolution No. 2018-0675
 OF LONDON)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR VANDER POEL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ENNIS, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD AUGUST 14, 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 Rehillo
 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 Denver Avenue (LA378) at Kate Road (LR58), and an All-Way STOP controlled intersection on Avenue 378 at Road 58, in the community of London; and
5. Authorized the installation of STOP signs on Denver Avenue at Kate Road, and on Avenue 378 at Road 58, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2B.04 and 2B.07 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: August 14, 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"/>
Advised 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: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of London

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 Denver Avenue (LA378) at Kate Road (LR58), and an All-Way STOP controlled intersection on Avenue 378 at Road 58, in the community of London; and
5. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Denver Avenue at Kate Road, and on Avenue 378 at Road 58, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2B.04 and 2B.07 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC).

SUBJECT: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of London
DATE: August 14, 2018

SUMMARY:

These intersections are located in the community of London, within Tulare County. Denver Avenue (LA378) runs east and west, and "T"s into Kate Road (LR58), which runs north and south. This is an uncontrolled "T" intersection, with a market located on the southeast corner and a bus stop across the street. Avenue 378 runs east and west, while Road 58 runs north and south. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on Road 58. There is a market and bus stop on the northeast side of the intersection and the community center and day care is located on the northwest side of the intersection.

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

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.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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".

These intersections meet the requirements of Section 2B.04, for the installation of a One-Way STOP control on Denver Avenue at Kate Road, and the requirements of Section 2B.07 for the installation of a Multi-Way Stop on Avenue 378 at Road 58. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of a One-Way STOP control on Denver Avenue (LA378) at Kate Road (LR58) and an All-Way STOP control on Avenue 378 at Road 58 in the community of London.

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.

SUBJECT: STOP Controlled Intersections in the Community of London

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

The cost of installing a One-Way STOP on Denver Avenue at Kate Road, and All-Way STOP signs on Avenue 378 at Road 58 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. Installation of the One-Way and All-Way STOP controls at these locations will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



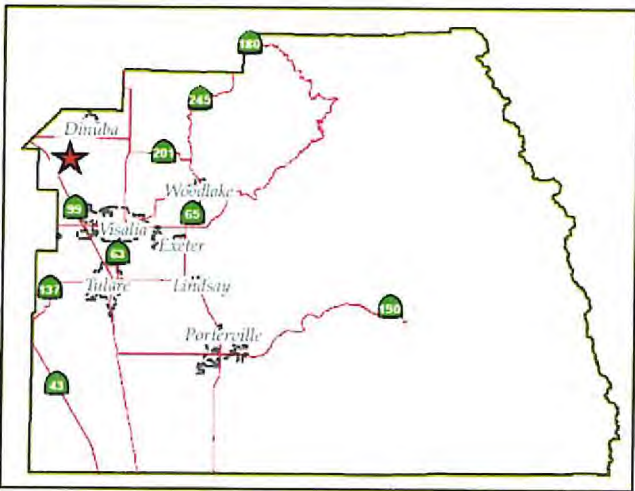
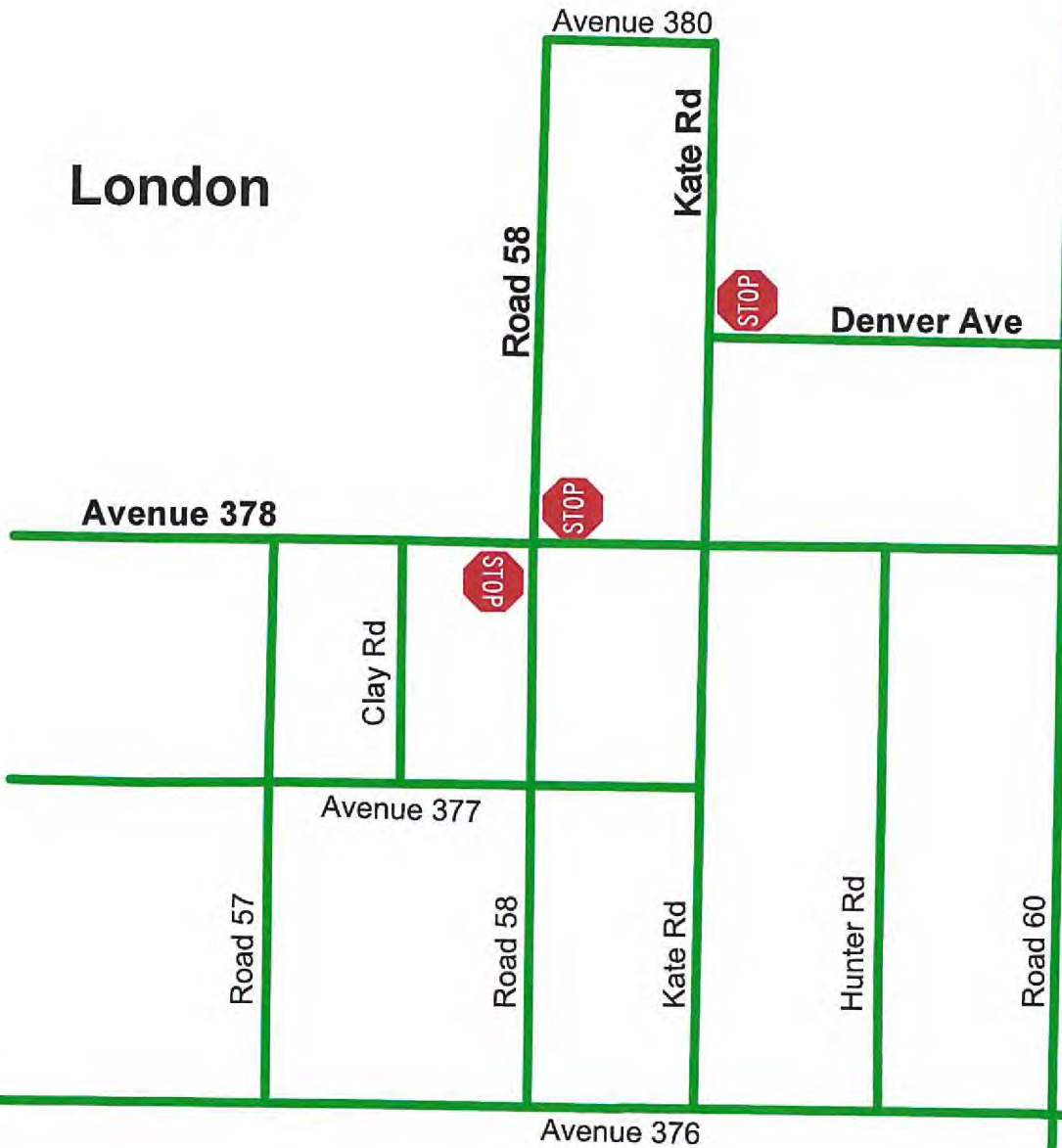
Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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

Attachment A

London



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: STOP Controlled Intersections in the unincorporated community of London

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Denver Avenue (LA378) at Kate Road (LR58) and Avenue 378 at Road 58 in London, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of S2 T17S R23E

Activity / Project Location - City: N/A, within the unincorporated community of London, 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 these two intersections in the unincorporated community of London, CA. Denver Avenue at Kate Road is currently an uncontrolled "T" intersection, with no Stop signs; and Avenue 378 at Road 58 is a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with Stops on Road 58.

In response to concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety at these intersections, the Traffic Operations Division determined that these intersections meet the requirements of Section 2B.04 Right of Way at Intersections and 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".

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 Sections 2B.04 and 2B.07 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

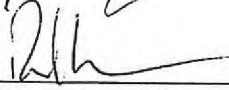
have a significant effect on the environment (14 Cal. Code Regs., §15061, subd. (b)(3)).

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: 7/24/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  _____ Date: 7/24/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A