



**Resource Management
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District Four
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District Five

AGENDA DATE: November 6, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input 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: 2018 Fixed Asset Purchase of Traffic Safety Devices

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Adopt 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 2018 Fixed Asset Purchase of Traffic Safety Devices; and
2. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk; and
3. Authorize the 2018 Fixed Asset Purchase of Traffic Safety Devices for six (6) locations; and
4. Approve the necessary budget adjustments per the attached AUD 308 (4/5ths vote required).

SUMMARY:

County Transportation Improvement Program

The County "Transportation Improvement Program" (CTIP) is an annual program that provides a summary and breakdown of Resource Management Agency (RMA) improvements and maintenance strategy of County's transportation infrastructure for its respective fiscal year.

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In January 2017 and June 2018, RMA presented the 2017 CTIP and 2018 CTIP, respectively, which included a total of 71 distinct projects with a combined total estimated cost over \$35 million. Improvements for the 71 distinct projects include, but not limited to, road rehabilitations, safety improvements, pedestrian improvements, bridge replacement/rehabilitation, and various roadway maintenance throughout Tulare County.

This request focuses specifically on the purchase of traffic safety devices such as rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs), flashing advance beacons, and/or speed feedback signs for six (6) locations to be installed as part of the safety projects identified under the CTIPs summarized below:

Supervisory District 1

Community of Tooleville (2018 CTIP)

Road 204 (North & South of Tooleville) – Install speed feedback signs.

Supervisory District 2

Community of Earlimart (2017 CTIP)

Washington Ave at Alila School – Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.

Community of Pixley (2018 CTIP)

Terra Bella Ave & Elm St – Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.

Supervisory District 4

Community of Ivanhoe (2018 CTIP)***

Avenue 328 & Road 159– Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.

Community of Sultana (2018 CTIP)***

Avenue 416 & Road 105 – Install flashing advance beacons.

***Funded by the 2018 CTIP's Rapid Response Road Repairs, ADA and Miscellaneous Maintenance Projects

Supervisory District 5

Community of Terra Bella (2018 CTIP)

Terra Bella Ave & Road 238 – Install flashing advance beacons.

In February 2017, your Board approved the fixed asset purchase of traffic safety devices for 9 of the 10 safety projects identified in the 2017 CTIP. RMA staff did not include the 10th project for your Board's approval at the time of request since the project was still in the engineering design phase.

The 2018 CTIP specifically identifies three (3) safety projects that require the

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installation of traffic safety devices. The other two (2) safety projects were identified as a result of staff observations and community input. These two projects will be funded under the 2018 CTIP's Rapid Response Road Repairs, ADA and Miscellaneous Maintenance Projects.

The traffic safety devices listed above are not identified in the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget. Cost to purchase these devices along with the necessary equipment to install these devices is estimated at \$75,000. Therefore, to expedite the installation of these devices, staff requests your Board approve the fixed asset purchase of these traffic safety devices and the necessary budget adjustments per attached AUD 308 Budget Adjustment Form.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the County has 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 application to the proposed action.

It is anticipated that installation of the various traffic safety devices will begin in Spring 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:


No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

Cost to purchase these traffic safety devices is estimated at \$75,000 which is fully funded out of Measure R Local Programs funds that are allocated to Tulare County. Since these traffic safety devices are not identified in the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget, the Auditor-Controller Office will need to make the necessary budget adjustment per attached AUD 308 Form.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

Safety and Security – 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 – AUD 308
Attachment C – Notice of Exemption

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

IN THE MATTER OF 2018 FIXED ASSET)
PURCHASE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY) Resolution No. _____
DEVICES)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2018,
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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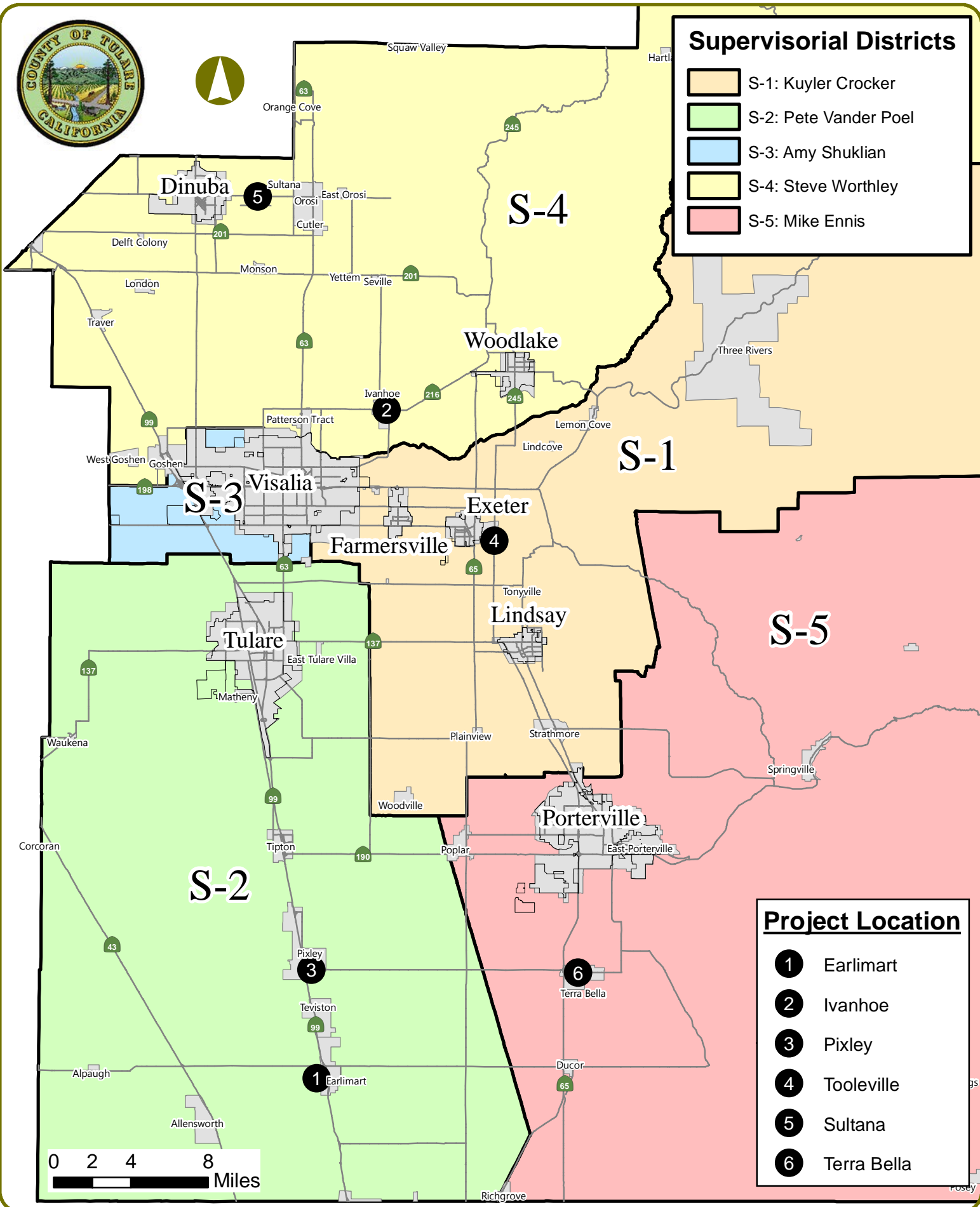
Attachment A

Vicinity Map



Supervisory Districts

- S-1: Kuyler Crocker
- S-2: Pete Vander Poel
- S-3: Amy Shuklian
- S-4: Steve Worthley
- S-5: Mike Ennis



Project Location

- 1 Earlimart
- 2 Ivanhoe
- 3 Pixley
- 4 Tooleville
- 5 Sultana
- 6 Terra Bella

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Attachment B

AUD 308

Attachment C
Notice of Exemption

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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, CA 93291

Dated filed at Tulare County Clerk's Office

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

Project Title: Various Community Traffic Safety Devices Improvement

Project Location - Specific: Various locations throughout Tulare County, CA

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

Project Location - City: N/A

Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Project consists of the purchase and installation rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFBs) flashing beacons, speed feedback signage, and/or flashing advance beacons on rural roads to improve pedestrian safety from vehicles in/near various unincorporated communities in Tulare County. The six (6) project locations are identified as shown below:

- Earlimart (Alila School & Washington Ave) – Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.
- Ivanhoe (Avenue 328 & Road 159)– Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.
- Pixley (Terra Bella Ave & Elm St)– Install RRFBs and flashing advance beacons.
- Tooleville (On Road 204 north and south of Tooleville) – Install speed feedback signs.
- Sultana (Avenue 416 & Road 105) – Install flashing advance beacons.
- Terra Bella (Terra Bella Ave & Road 238)– Install flashing advance beacons.

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:  Date: 10/16/18 Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature:  Date: 10/17/18 Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E. Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A