



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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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District Five

AGENDA DATE: February 26, 2019

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: Authorization to Bid Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project

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 Section 15301 Existing Facilities for the Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project; and
2. Authorize the Environmental Assessment Officer, or designee, to sign and file the Notice of Exemption with the County Clerk; and
3. Approve the Plans, Special Provisions, Proposal and Contract ("Bid Documents") for the construction of the Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project; and
4. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign the Plans; and
5. Approve the advertisement for bids of the Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project.

SUMMARY:

On August 24, 2016, Tulare County was awarded funding in the amount of \$423,000 through Cycle 7 of the Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP) for the design and construction of the Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project. The HSIP is a core federal-aid program to States for the purpose of

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achieving a significant reduction in fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

The Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project (the Project) proposes to improve the safety of a 1.0-mile stretch of Worth Drive (M146) between Road 278 and Road 284 by adding centerline rumble strips along the corridor. Improvements also include replacing existing signage and updating existing striping with 6-inch wide striping.

In accordance with CEQA, the County has also determined that categorical exemption is applicable to the proposed action: State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities.

The Plans and Specifications for the Project are complete and ready to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer of 2019.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

The Project is being funded by Federal Highway Safety Improvements Program (HSIP). 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.

A summary of the total project cost for the Project is as follows:

Engineering Design:	\$75,500
Estimated Construction (Including Contingency):	\$275,000
Construction Engineering:	\$41,500
Total:	\$392,000

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)

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZATION TO) Resolution No. _____
BID WORTH DRIVE (M146) SAFETY)
IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26,
2019, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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

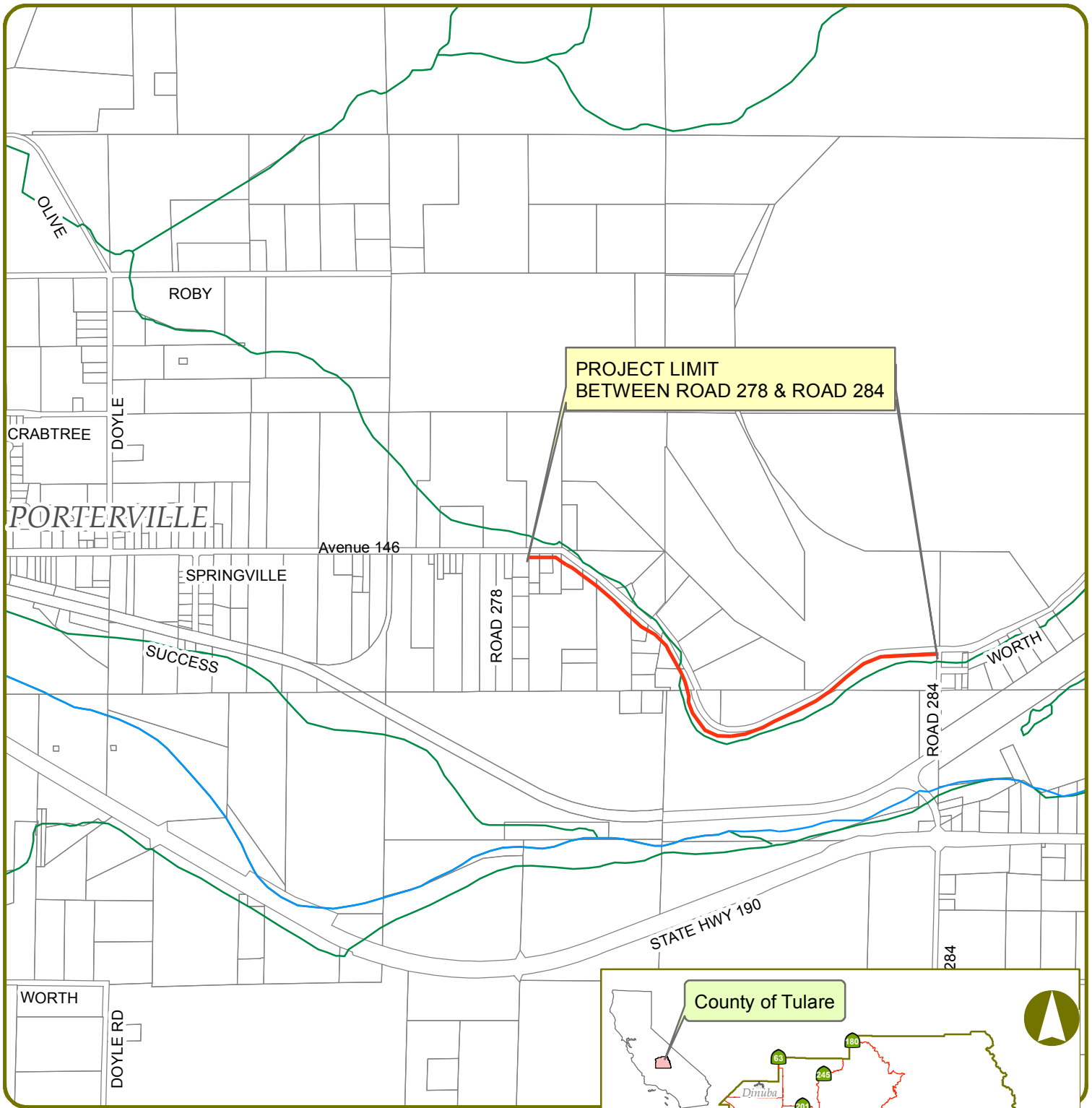
BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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Attachment A

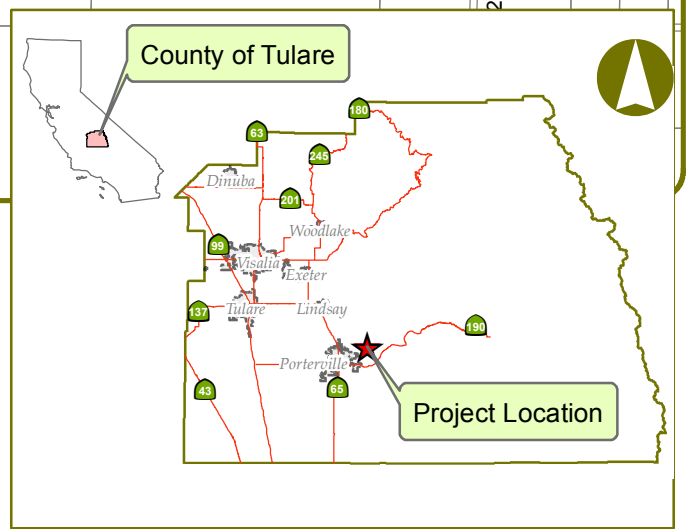
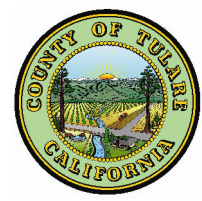
Vicinity Map



PROJECT LIMIT
BETWEEN ROAD 278 & ROAD 284

Legend

 Project Location



Attachment B

Notice of Categorical Exemption

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 ph: 559-624-7142
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Activity / Project Title: Worth Drive (M146) Safety Improvements Project

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Porterville, CA – Worth Dr. (M146) between Rd 278 and Rd 284

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

Activity / Project Location – East of Porterville, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: Worth Drive (M146) between Road 278 and Road 284 (east of Porterville) is a two-lane road in rural Tulare County. The road serves as an alternative route to travel to Bartlett Park, Lake Success, and East Porterville. To improve the overall safety vehicles operated along this corridor, the proposed project will result in the installing of audible traffic warning striping (rumble strip) on the centerline, and roadside signs. Construction is anticipated to begin in Summer 2019.

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: CEQA Guidelines Class 1 Section 15301 Existing Facilities (c)**
- Statutory Exemptions: N/A.

Reasons Why Activity/Project are Exempt from CEQA: 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 Activity / Project: Tulare County Resource Management Agency

Activity/Project Representative: Reed Schenke, P.E., Director - Public Works

Telephone: (559) 624-7142

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Chief Environmental Planner
Hector Guerra

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: Environmental Assessment Officer
Reed Schenke, P.E.

Signed by Lead Agency

Date received for filing at OPR: N/A