



**RESOURCE
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COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010				

SUBJECT: One-Way STOP Control on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204 in Strathmore

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 a change of designation of the existing Two-Way STOP control on Avenue 204 at Meredith Drive (D228A) to a One-Way STOP control for southbound traffic on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204, just north of the community of Strathmore; and
5. Authorize the removal of STOP signs on Avenue 204 and the installation of a STOP sign for southbound traffic on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204, 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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SUMMARY:

The intersection of Meredith Drive (D228A) and Avenue 204 is located just north of the community of Strathmore, within Tulare County. This intersection is currently controlled with a Two-Way STOP on Avenue 204, which runs east and west. Meredith Drive is uncontrolled and runs diagonally north and south. Meredith Drive from Avenue 200 to Avenue 204 was recently abandoned resulting in the creation of a "T" intersection at Avenue 204. The current signage has created a safety concern for traffic travelling southbound on Meredith Drive towards the now private roadway/property.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) staff conducted an investigation and determined the removal of the existing signage for east and westbound traffic on Avenue 204 and installing a One-Way STOP control for southbound traffic on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204 would better enhance and improve 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."

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, for the installation of a One-Way STOP control. As such, RMA staff recommends approval to remove the existing STOP signs for east/west traffic on Avenue 204 and install a One-Way STOP control for southbound traffic on Meredith Drive (D228A) at Avenue 204.

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.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost.

The cost of removing the existing STOP signs and to install a One-Way STOP on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204, is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

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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 STOP control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and safety.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

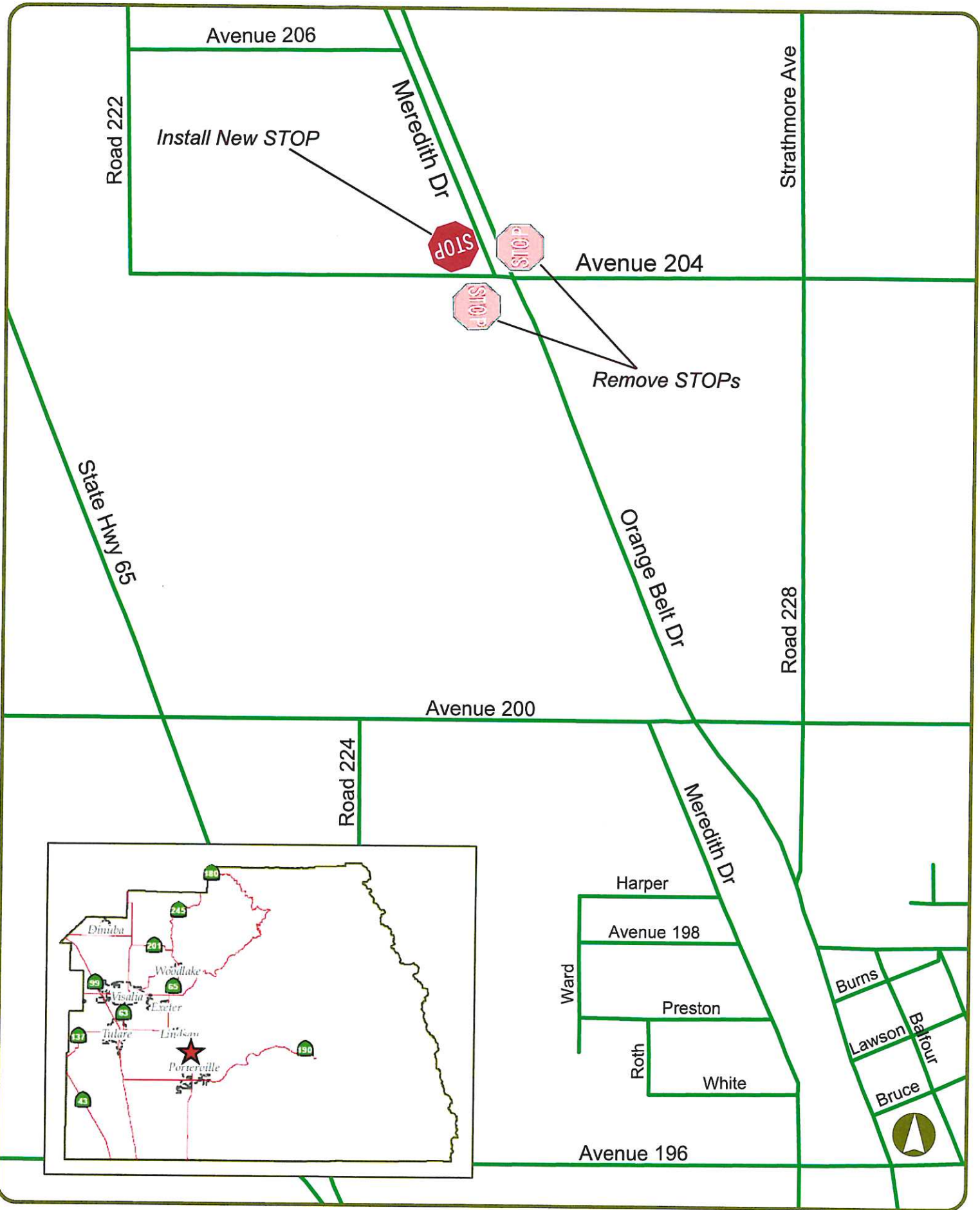


Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

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.usP

Applicant(s): Tulare County Public Works Ph: 559-624-7142
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

Activity / Project Title: One-Way STOP Control on Meredith Drive at Avenue 204 near Strathmore, CA

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Meredith Drive (Diagonal 228A) at Avenue 204, near Strathmore, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of S29 T20S R27E

Activity / Project Location: Near the unincorporated community of Strathmore, CA

Activity / Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Activity / Project: This project will enhance vehicular circulation and safety at the intersection of Meredith Drive at Avenue 204 near the unincorporated community of Strathmore, CA. Existing STOP signs posted for east and westbound traffic on Avenue 204 will be removed and a One-Way STOP control for southbound traffic will be installed on Meredith Drive at this intersection.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety due to the abandonment of a section of roadway, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and safety at this intersection, the Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection 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 circulation and safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.04 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 STOP a 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: Johnny Wong, P.E., Chief Engineer **Telephone:** (559) 624-7000

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