



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY COUNTY OF TULARE AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 4, 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: One-Way STOP Control on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive in Goshen

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 Avenue 308 at Effie Drive (Diagonal 70), in the community of Goshen; and
5. Authorize the installation of a STOP sign on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive, 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).

SUMMARY:

The intersection of Avenue 308 and Effie Drive (D70), is located in the community

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of Goshen, within Tulare County. This intersection is currently uncontrolled with Avenue 308 running east and west, which "T"s into Effie Drive running diagonally north and south. As part of the County's community improvement project, this section of Avenue 308 received improvements to include a sidewalk from Effie Drive westward to the Highway 99 pedestrian overcrossing.

In response to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and concluded that the installation of a Stop sign on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive would enhance and improve overall traffic and pedestrian 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."

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 for the installation of a One-Way STOP control on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive (D70) in the community of Goshen.

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 to the General Fund.

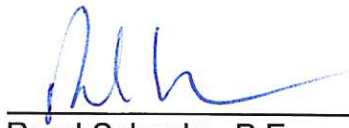
The cost of installing a One-Way STOP on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive, is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Reed Schenke', is written over a horizontal line.

Reed Schenke, P.E.
Director

Cc: County Administrative Office

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF ONE-WAY STOP)
CONTROL ON AVENUE 308 AT EFFIE) Resolution No. _____
DRIVE IN GOSHEN)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD June 4, 2019, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

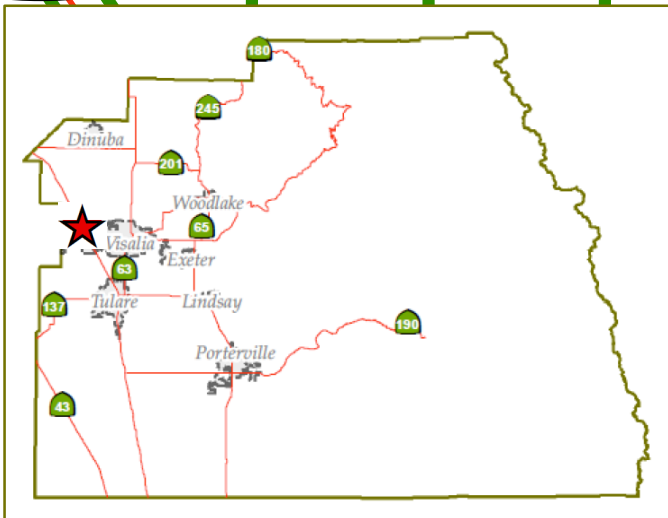
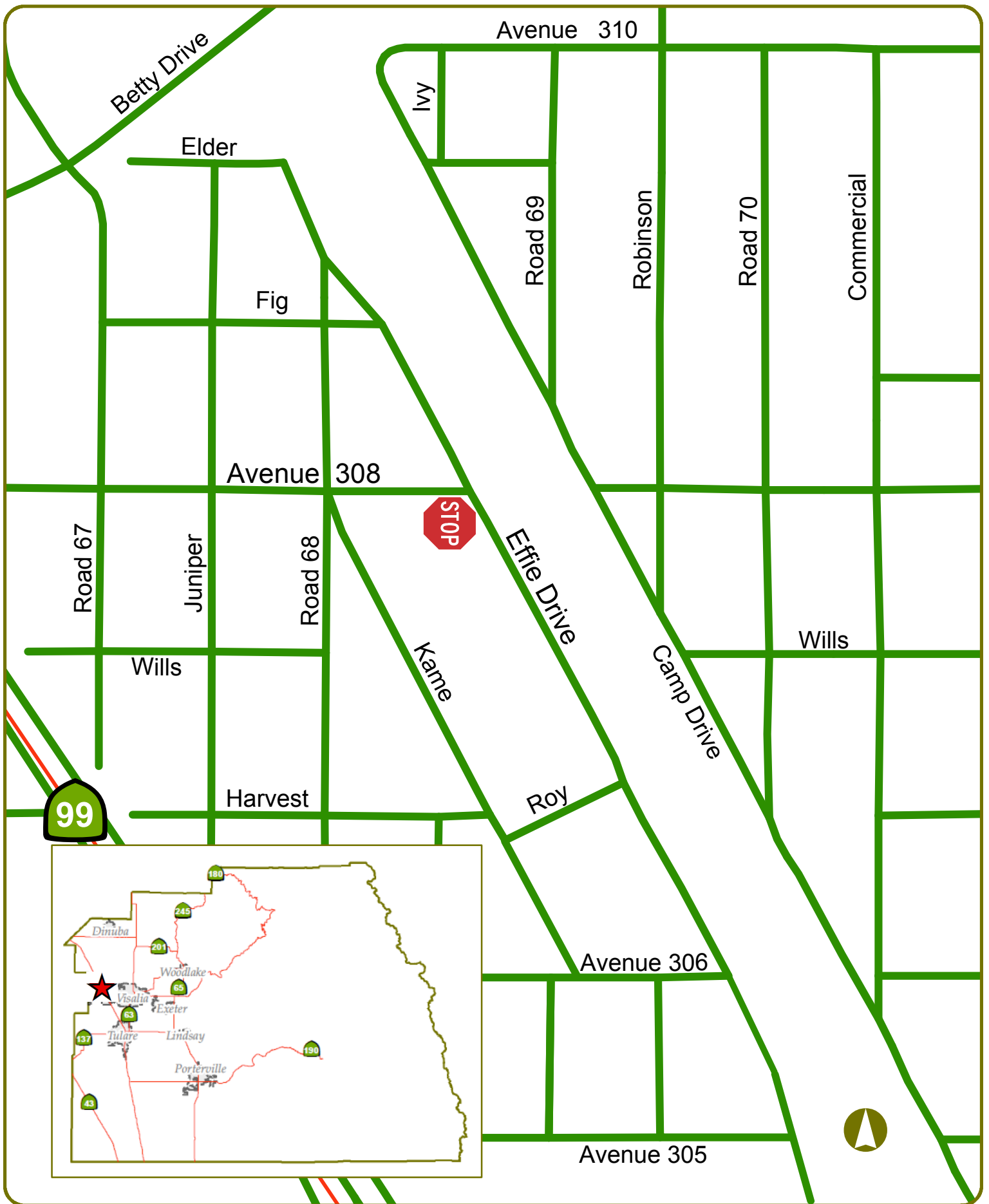
ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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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;
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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

X 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
5961 South Mooney Blvd.
Visalia, CA 93277

ph: 559-624-7142

Activity / Project Title: One-Way STOP Control on Avenue 308 at Effie Drive in Goshen

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Avenue 308 at Effie Drive (Diagonal 70) in Goshen, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S19 T18S R24E

Activity / Project Location: Within the unincorporated community of Goshen, 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 the intersection of Avenue 308 and Effie Drive in the unincorporated community of Goshen, CA. This intersection is currently uncontrolled, with no Stop sign.

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 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));
- X 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

☒ Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: N/A