RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM

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AGENDA DATE: June 18, 2019

Public Hearing Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Published Notice Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Advertised Published Notice	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Meet & Confer Required	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes ☒	N/A ☐
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes ☐	N/A ☒
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes ☐	N/A ☒

CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez PHONE: (559) 624-7010

SUBJECT: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Road 196 and Avenue 196 in Plainview

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Road 196 and Avenue 196, in the community of Plainview;

2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Road 196 at the intersection of Avenue 196 in accordance with the provisions of Section 2B.07 of the 2014 California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) and Section 22450(c) of the California Vehicle Code (CVC);

3. Approve a Categorical Exemption consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Section 15061(b)(3) common sense exemption;

4. 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) common sense exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970; and

5. 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.

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DATE: June 18, 2019

SUMMARY:

The intersection of Road 196 and Avenue 196 is located in the community of Plainview, within Tulare County. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on Avenue 196, which runs east and west, and uncontrolled Road 196 running north and south. Both roadways have a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

A new gasoline service station and market is located on the northwest corner of this intersection resulting in an increase of pedestrian traffic. In response to safety concerns by the community regarding pedestrian traffic at this intersection, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation and concluded that this intersection would meet the warrant for an All-Way STOP control.

Section 2B.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications of the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CA MUTCD) 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".

This intersection meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 for the installation of a Multi-Way Stop. As such, RMA staff recommends approval for the installation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Road 196 and Avenue 196.

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), common sense exemption.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No Net County Cost to the General Fund.

The cost of installing All-Way STOP signs on Road 196 at the intersection of Avenue 196 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 an All-Way STOP control at this location will enhance intersection circulation and pedestrian safety.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

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 ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL AT THE INTERSECTION OF ROAD 196 AND AVENUE 196 IN PLAINVIEW) **Resolution No.** _____

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD June 18, 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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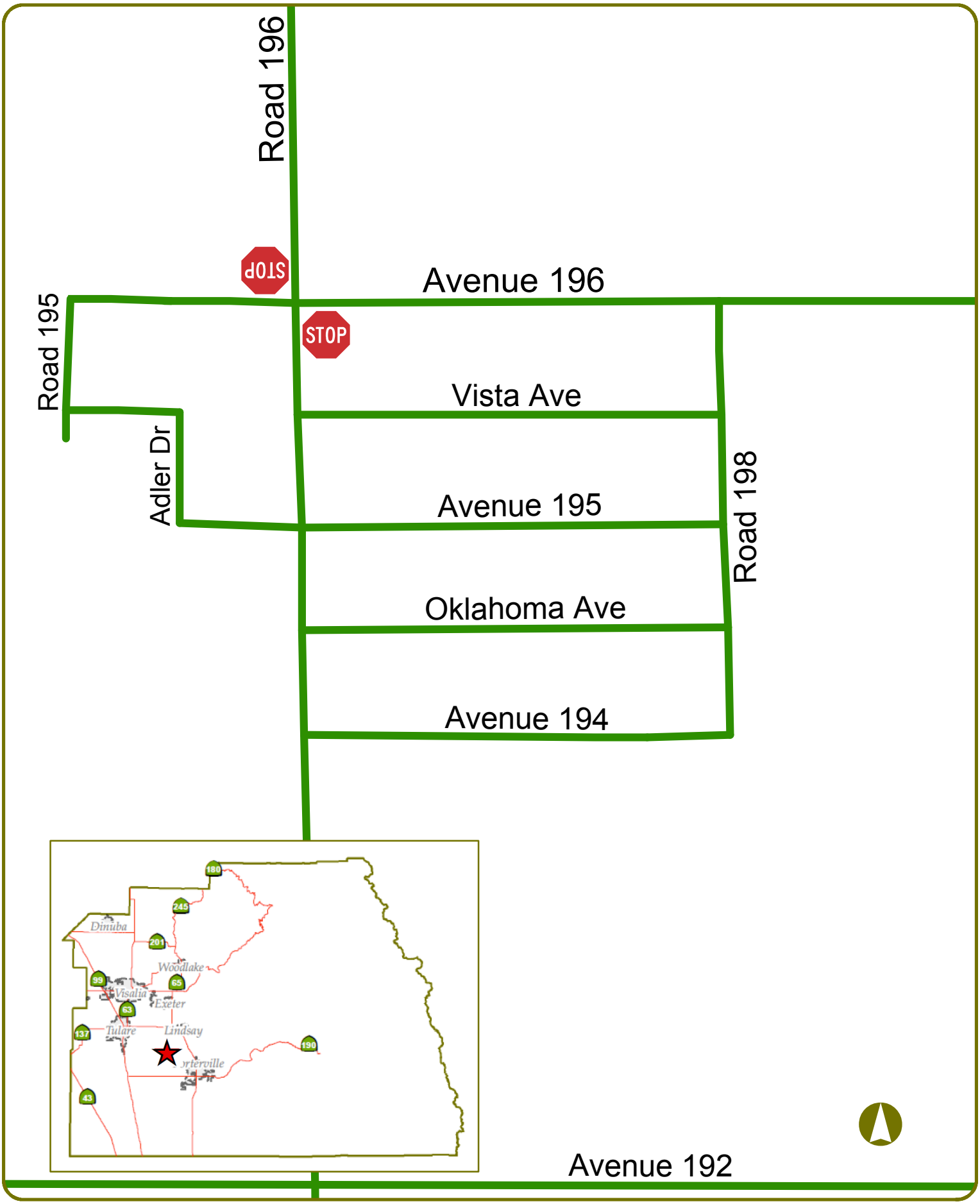
4. Found there is no substantial evidence that proposed activity will have a significant effect on the environment and determine the Categorical Exemption is consistent with the CEQA Title 14 CCR, Section 15061(b)(3) common sense exemption, that was prepared for the project reflects the independent judgment of the County and completed in compliance with the CEQA of 1970; and

5. 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.

Attachment A



Vicinity Map - All-Way Stop in Plainview
Road 196 & Avenue 196

Attachment A

Attachment B

Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

Date received by Tulare County Clerk

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

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: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Road 196 and Avenue 196 in Plainview

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Road 196 and Avenue 196 in Plainview, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of S35 T20S R26E

Activity / Project Location: Within the unincorporated community of Plainview, 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 Road 196 and Avenue 196 in the community of Plainview, CA. This intersection is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection, with Stops on Avenue 196.The project will result in the installation of Stop signs on Road 196; thereby resulting in an All-Way STOP controlled intersection.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety at this intersection, the Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation. To improve the vehicular circulation and pedestrian safety at this intersection, the Traffic Operations Division determined that this intersection meets the requirements of 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));

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.07 Multi-Way Stop Applications 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 "common sense" exemption on the ground that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity (installation of stop signs)

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

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