



**RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT AGENCY
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: July 30, 2019

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| 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: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Avenue 248 and Road 124, east of Tulare

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Avenue 248 and Road 124, east of the city of Tulare; and
2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Avenue 248 at the intersection of Road 124 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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east of Tulare
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SUMMARY:

The intersection of Avenue 248 and Road 124 is located east of the city of Tulare, within Tulare County. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on Road 124, which runs north and south, and Avenue 248 which is uncontrolled running east and west. Both roadways have a prima facie speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

In response to the increase of traffic volumes and safety concerns to include left turn conflicts at this intersection, Tulare County Resource Management Agency (RMA) conducted an investigation.

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 that may be considered in an engineering study include the need to control left-turn conflicts...susceptible to correction by a multi-way stop installation."

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 of the installation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Avenue 248 and Road 124.

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 Avenue 248 at the intersection of Road 124 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 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 AVENUE 248 AND) Resolution No. _____
ROAD 124, EAST OF TULARE)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD July 30, 2019, BY
THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

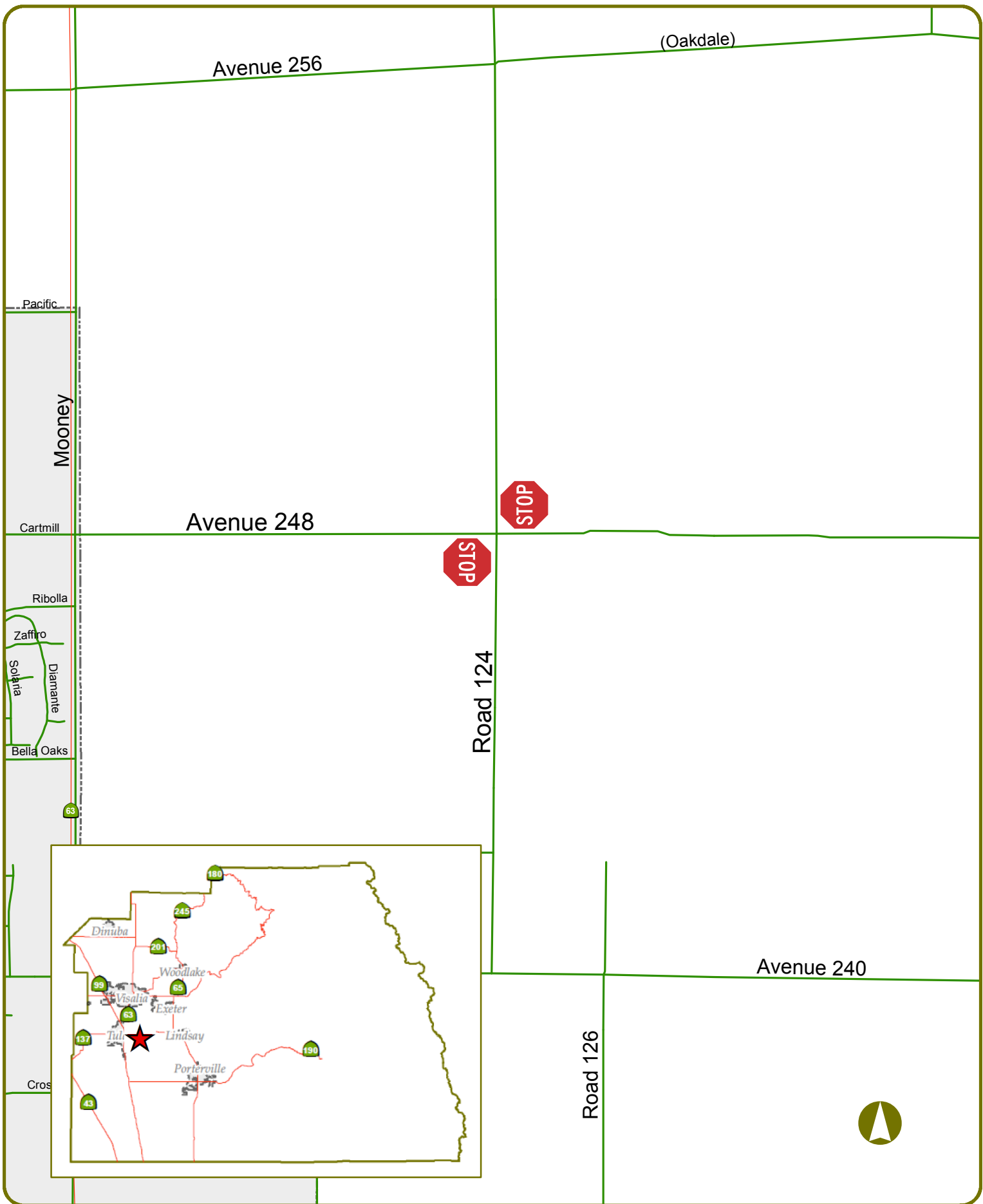
ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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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
Avenue 248 & Road 124

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

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| <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: All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of Avenue 248 and Road 124, east of Tulare

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Avenue 248 at Road 124, east of Tulare, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of S32 T19S R25E

Activity / Project Location: East of the City of Tulare, 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 Avenue 248 and Road 124 east of the City of Tulare, CA. This intersection is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection, with Stops on Road 124. The project consists of installing Stop signs on Avenue 248 at Road 124, 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 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));
- 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

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