



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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**AGENDA DATE:** December 17, 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:** All-Way STOP Control at the Intersection of State Drive and Sutter Avenue in Earlimart

**REQUEST(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of State Drive (D136A) and Sutter Avenue (D133A), in the community of Earlimart; and
2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on State Drive at the intersection of Sutter Avenue 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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**SUMMARY:**

The intersection of State Drive and Sutter Avenue is located in the community of Earlimart, within Tulare County. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on Sutter Avenue (D133A), which runs diagonally east and west, and State Drive (D136A) which is uncontrolled, running diagonally north and south. State Drive has a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour and Sutter Avenue has a prima facie speed limit of 25 miles per hour.

The Earlimart Middle School is located on the southeast corner with Sutter Avenue as the school's northern boundary. There are crosswalks on the south and east approaches to the intersection with a gas station convenience store on the northeast corner attracting many of the pedestrian children, before and after school. In response to traffic and pedestrian safety concerns 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 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 of the installation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of State Drive and Sutter Avenue.

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 State Drive at the intersection of Sutter Avenue is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

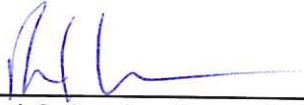
**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

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:**



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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        ) Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_**  
**AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE DRIVE AND        )**  
**SUTTER AVENUE IN EARLIMART                    )**

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_,        SECONDED        BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD ON December 17,  
2019, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

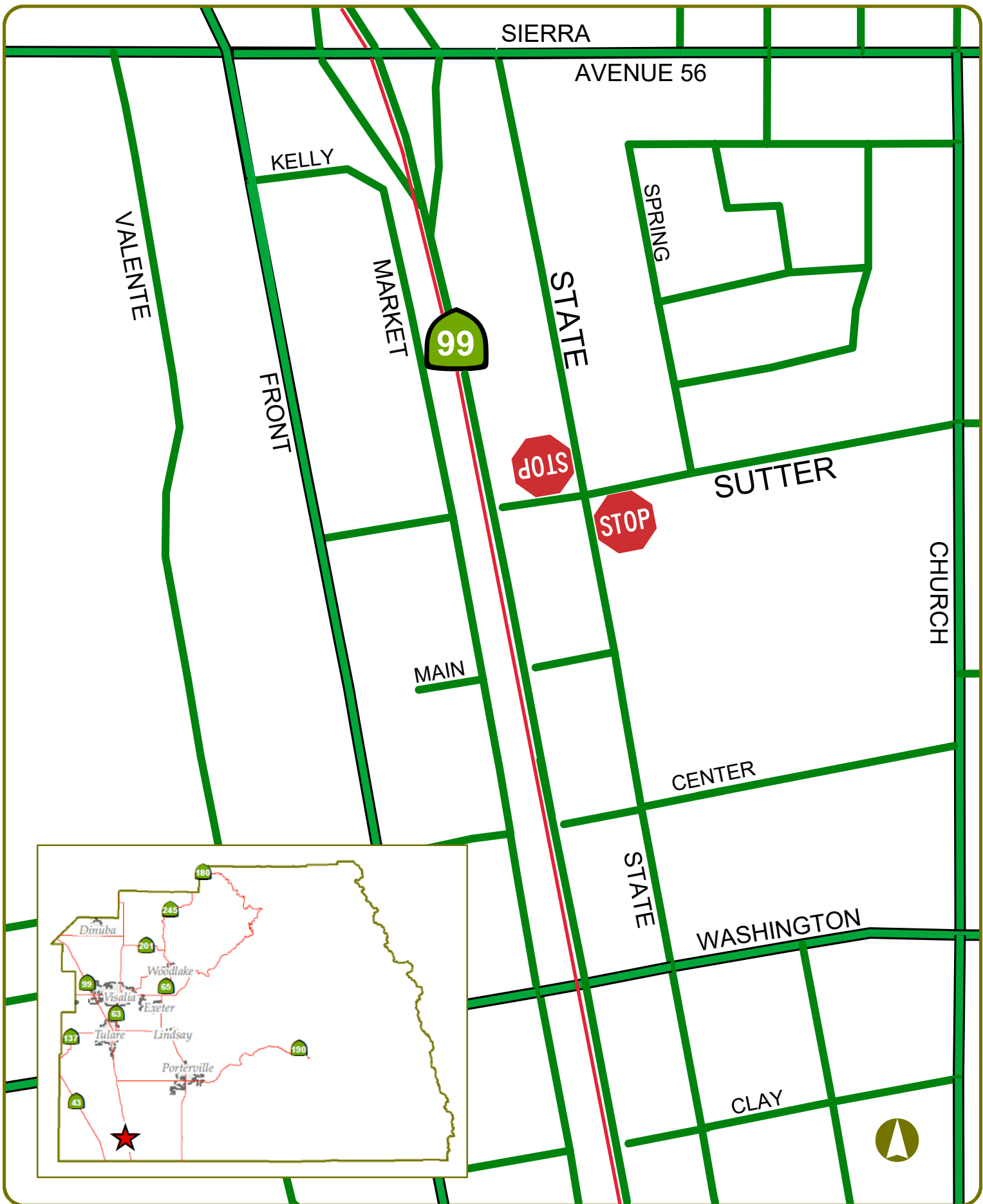
ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**



## **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.us](mailto: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 State Drive and Sutter Avenue in Earlimart

**Activity / Project Location - Specific:** State Drive (D136A) at Sutter Avenue (D133A) in Earlimart, CA

**Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range:** NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of S33 T23S R25E

**Activity / Project Location:** Within the unincorporated community of Earlimart, 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 State Drive and Sutter Avenue, and will consist of installing Stop signs to create an All-Way Stop on State Drive and Sutter Avenue in the unincorporated community of Earlimart, CA. This intersection is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection, with Stops on Sutter Avenue.

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 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));
- Categorical Exemptions: Common Sense 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 and pedestrian safety, and as noted above, meets the requirements of Section 2B.07 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