



**RESOURCE
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COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: October 6, 2020

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 424 and Road 104, North of Sultana

REQUEST(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the designation of an All-Way STOP control at the intersection of Avenue 424 and Road 104, just north of the community of Sultana; and
2. Authorize the installation of STOP signs on Road 104 at Avenue 424 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.

SUMMARY:

The intersection of Avenue 424 and Road 104 is located just north of the community of Sultana, within Tulare County. This location is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection with stop signs on a skewed Avenue 424, which runs

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east and west, and Road 104 which is uncontrolled, running north and south. Both roadways have a prima facie speed limit of 55 miles per hour.

Nearby residents have expressed traffic safety concerns due to traffic collisions that have occurred at this intersection. In response to these concerns, 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." Due to collisions occurring at this intersection, this location satisfies the warrant for collisions occurring within a 12 month period.

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 424 and Road 104.

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 at the intersection of Avenue 424 and Road 104 is budgeted in the current fiscal year's Roads Budget for signs and stenciling.

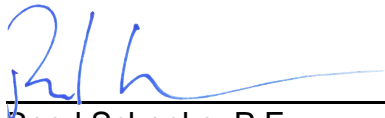
LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

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

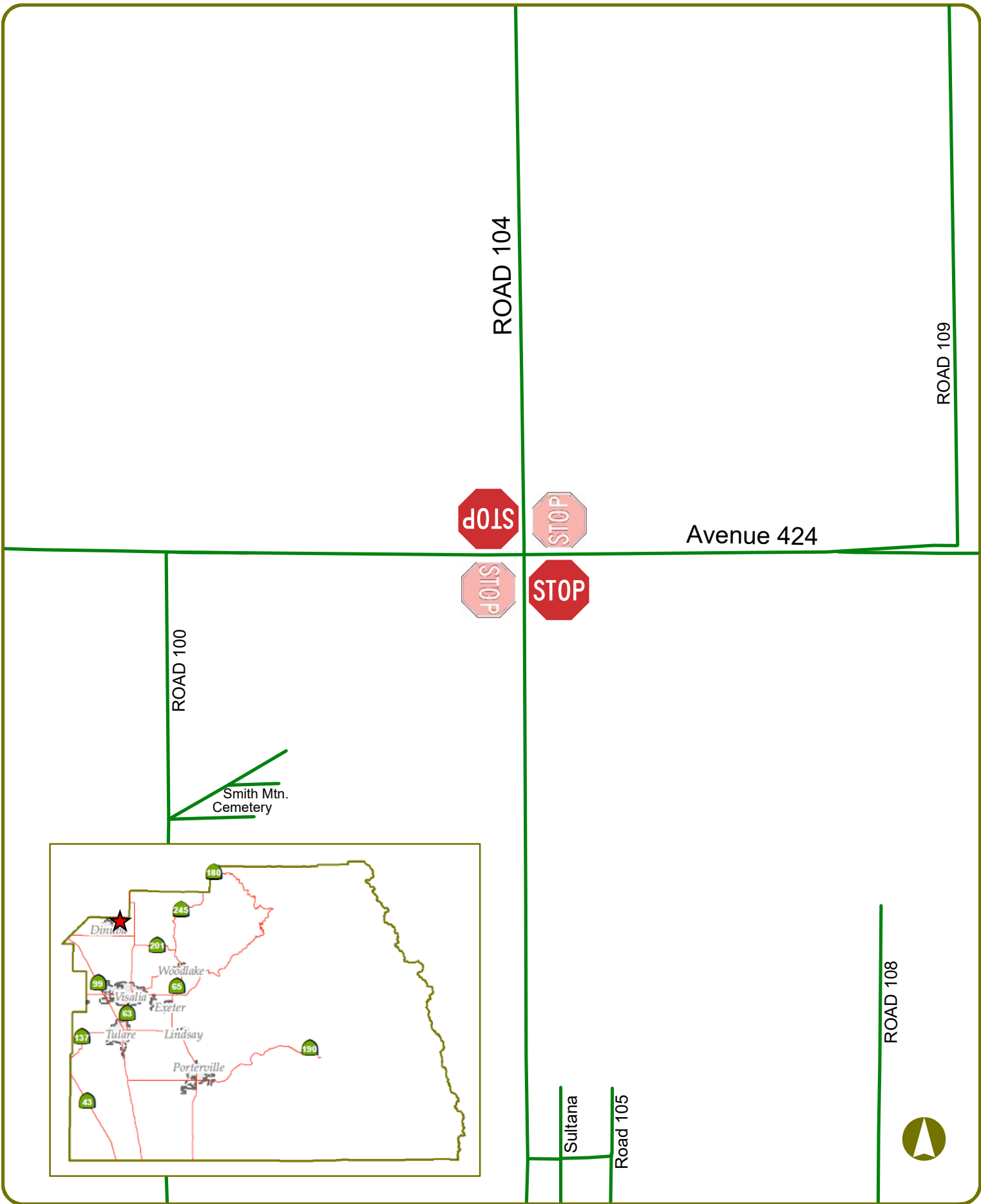
Cc: County Administrative Office

Attachment(s)

Attachment A - Vicinity Map

Attachment B - Notice of Categorical Exemption

Attachment A



Vicinity Map - All-Way Stop
Avenue 424 & Road 104

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

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 424 and Road 104, North of Sultana

Activity / Project Location - Specific: Avenue 424 and Road 104, north of Sultana, CA

Activity / Project Location - Section, Township, Range: SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of S3 T16S R24E

Activity / Project Location: North of the unincorporated community of Sultana, 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 424 and Road 104, and will consist of installing Stop signs on Road 104 to create an All-Way Stop controlled intersection near the unincorporated community of Sultana, CA. This intersection is currently a Two-Way Stop controlled intersection, with Stops on Avenue 424 only.

In response to concerns regarding traffic safety at the 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: 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 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