



City Council

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: John Jansons, City Manager

DATE: May 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution 2016-019: West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School Notice of Exemption

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution 2016-019 accepting the Notice of Exemption for the West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School Project, and
- 2) Direct the City Engineer to record the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk's Office.

BACKGROUND:

In 2015, the City of Farmersville applied for and was awarded a grant through the Active Transportation Program (ATP) to improve West Walnut Avenue. Proposed improvements include ADA-compliant ramps at the intersections of Ventura Avenue, Farquette Avenue, and Hartley Avenue; median pedestrian refuge and safety lighting at Ventura Avenue; and striped bicycle lanes between the western City limits and Farmersville Boulevard.

DISCUSSION:

Preliminary engineering for the project has begun. Improvement plans are currently being prepared and the environmental review has been completed.

An Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines relating to the environmental evaluation of the West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School Project has been prepared for City approval. The Exemption finds that the project has been conditionally approved (subject to finalization of State funding and a successful bid process) and is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(c) and that said activity has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment. of Exemption has been prepared for City approval.

COORDINATION & REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the timing and funding with the Finance Director, City Engineer, and TCAG staff.

ALTERNATIVES:

None proposed

FISCAL IMPACT:

Funding for the preliminary engineering, including preparation of the Notice of Exemption, as well as the improvement plans, is provided by Measure R Transit/Bike/Environmental funds and the City's Measure R local allocation. A Supplemental Agreement with TCAG for the project's preliminary engineering was approved by the City Council by way of Resolution 2015-45 on November 9, 2015. Funding for project construction is provided by the Active Transportation Program.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council:

- 1) Adopt Resolution 2016-019 accepting the Notice of Exemption for the West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School Project, and
- 2) Direct the City Engineer to record the Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk's Office.

Attachment(s): 1) Resolution 2016-019.
2) Notice of Exemption

Respectfully Submitted By:



John Jansons
City Manager

Prepared By:



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RESOLUTION No. 2016-019

**BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXEMPTION FOR THE
WEST WALNUT AVENUE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City of Farmersville (City) wishes to provide ADA-compliant ramps, pedestrian refuge, lighting, sidewalk, crosswalks, and bicycle lanes along West Walnut Avenue; and

WHEREAS, funding has been allocated from State Active Transportation Program (ATP) funds and Measure R funds; and

WHEREAS, the City as Lead Agency, has prepared an Exemption pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and State CEQA Guidelines relating to the environmental evaluation of the West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has analyzed the activity and the determination of the Exemption pursuant to CEQA and determined that the activity is exempt from CEQA under CEQA Guideline 15301, Class 1(c); and

WHEREAS, the City will file a Notice of Exemption with the Tulare County Clerk.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMERSVILLE DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, to approve the Exemption, in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, finds that the activity has been conditionally approved (subject to finalization of State funding and a successful bid process) and is exempt under CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1(c) and that said activity has no possibility of having a significant effect on the environment.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED upon a motion of Councilmember _____, and seconded by Councilmember _____, and carried by the following vote at the City Council meeting held on May 9, 2016.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

BY:

ATTEST:

Gregorio Gomez, Mayor

City Clerk Pro Tempore

Notice of Exemption

Attachment 2

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Tulare
221 S. Mooney Avenue
Visalia, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): City of Farmersville
909 West Visalia Road
Farmersville, CA 93223

(Address)

Project Title: West Walnut Avenue Safe Routes to School

Project Applicant: City of Farmersville

Project Location - Specific:

W. Walnut Ave. - crosswalk at intersection of Ventura Ave.; ADA-accessible ramps at intersections of Ventura, Franquette, and Hartley Avenues; striping between west city limits and Farmersville Blvd.

Project Location - City: Farmersville Project Location - County: Tulare

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

City of Farmersville received funding through ATP for installing ADA-accessible ramps; intersection safety lighting; curb, gutter and sidewalk; a pedestrian refuge; and crosswalks at the above named intersections.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Farmersville

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Farmersville

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15301, Class 1(c)
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project includes improvements and minor alterations to include ADA-compliant ramps, curbs, sidewalks, and addition of crosswalks on and adjacent to existing paved streets. Plans include a biological survey before start of construction to avoid potential impacts to migratory birds.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Mr. John Jansons, City Manager Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (559) 747-0458

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____