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City Council

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lisa M. Wallis-Dutra, PE, TE, PTOE
City Engineer, QK Inc.

THROUGH: John Jansons, City Manager *JJ*

DATE: September 26, 2016

SUBJECT: Active Transportation Program (ATP) Cycle 1, S. Farmersville Boulevard Street Improvements and Bus Turnaround Project

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council review and accept the amended Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the City of Farmersville's ATP Cycle 1 Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the NOE and the City Clerk to file the NOE with the County Clerk's Office.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Farmersville was awarded Cycle 1 ATP and Measure R funding for the South Farmersville Boulevard Street Improvements and Bus Turnaround Project. The project includes construction of curb, gutter, and sidewalk to close the pedestrian network gaps on the west side of South Farmersville Boulevard between Oakland Street and the south city limit. Drive approaches will be constructed to provide access to the adjacent properties. Signing and pavement delineation work will create parking and bike lanes on both sides of the street. In addition to the above-described project is construction of a bus turnaround by Roy's Park. Storm drain system will also be constructed on the south end of the project to capture the water runoff.

DISCUSSION:

As part of the City of Farmersville's ATP Cycle 1 S. Farmersville Boulevard Street Improvements and Bus Turnaround Project, staff prepared a NOE that was presented and accepted by Council at the July 13, 2015 City Council Meeting. The NOE was signed by the Interim City Manager and filed at the County Clerk's Office. The NOE indicated the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Categorical Exemptions §15301(c), because the proposed improvements involve negligible or no expansion of an existing

use of existing street. The project limits, as shown on the NOE, were on South Farmersville Boulevard between West Oakland Street to the City limit.

As design progressed on the project, it was determined that the project limits would need to be extended north of West Oakland Street to accommodate additional transition signing and striping to conform to existing street configurations near Visalia Road. The extension of signing and striping outside of the original project limits triggered the need to amend the original NOE. Only the project limits have been amended. The project remains exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Categorical Exemptions §15301(c), because the proposed improvements involve negligible or no expansion of an existing use of existing street.

COORDINATION & REVIEW:

Staff has discussed the need for the amended NOE with the City Manager.

ALTERNATIVES:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This project is being funded with State ATP Funds, Measure R Funds, and Local Funds. The local funds were included in the City's FY 2015-2016 Budget and have been carried-over into the 16-17 FY Budget.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully recommended that the City Council review and accept the amended Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the City of Farmersville's ATP Cycle 1 Project and authorize the City Manager to sign the NOE and the City Clerk to file the NOE with the County Clerk's Office.

ATTACHMENT: 1) Amended Notice of Exemption (NOE)

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Lisa M. Wallis-Dutra, PE, TE, PTOE
City Engineer – QK Inc.



John Jansons
City Manager

Notice of Exemption

AMENDED

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Tulare
221 South Mooney Boulevard
Visalia, California 93291

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

Project Title: ADA Improvements on South Farmersville Boulevard and Bus Turnaround Project

Project Applicant: City of Farmersville

Project Location - Specific:

South Farmersville Boulevard between West Visalia Road to the southerly City Limit

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

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Street improvements along Farmersville Boulevard, ADA compliance and bus turnaround.

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));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Article 19. 15301(c)
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The City of Farmersville has determined that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Article 19. Categorical Exemptions §15301(c) because the proposed improvements involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use of existing street.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: John Jansons 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? [X] Yes [] No

Signature: Date: Title:

[X] 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: