COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Fresno.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about December 8, 2026, the City of Fresno as Responsible Entity (RE) will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (CDBG), as amended, to undertake a project known as Yosemite Middle School Neighborhood Street Improvements Project. The proposed project is described as follows:

The City of Fresno is proposing to provide $461,866.20 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to the City of Fresno, Department of Public Works (DPW), for the purpose of constructing approximately 875 linear feet of new sidewalk along E. Floradora Avenue, directly north of Yosemite Middle School at 1292 N. 9th Street. In addition to the new sidewalk, other improvements will include new paving and streetlights that will be installed along Floradora Avenue from the intersection at 9th Street to the west, and Cedar Avenue to the east. The purpose of these activities is to provide improved safe, walkable, and accessible pedestrian circulation from the surrounding neighborhood to the school. The scope of the project consists of 5 stages of construction that start in March 2027 and end in April 2029, including demolition of existing roadways and sidewalks, site preparation, site grading, construction of new roadways and sidewalks, and paving the new roadways and sidewalks. The project would require ground disturbance of up to 13 feet deep to reach utilities. The project would require the acquisition of right-of-way for 15 parcels located within the project site. All 15 parcels are located within the City of Fresno where the City possesses prescriptive rights. The project would not include any buildings or homes, nor would it include the demolition of any buildings or homes. One olive tree (Olea europaea) is expected to be removed as part of the demolition phase. The estimated total project cost is $3,331,000, of which $461,866.20 will be funded through HUD.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Fresno has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) file at Fresno City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street, Room 3070, Fresno, California 93721 (Attn.: Kimberly L. Archie) and may be examined or copied on weekdays from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments by email on the ERR to the City of Fresno, Community Development Division at HCDD@fresno.gov (please include DPW – Yosemite Middle School Street Improvements Project in the subject line).

All comments received by December 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. will be considered by the City of Fresno prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Fresno certifies to HUD that Georgeanne A. White, in her capacity as City Manager, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Fresno to use CDBG program funds for the Yosemite Middle School Street Improvements Project.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to the City of Fresno's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Fresno; (b) the City of Fresno has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the City of Fresno has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the program activities are unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD San Francisco Field Office at One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94014 or by email at RROFSFRO@HUD.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD San Francisco Field Office to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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