

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**To:** \_\_\_\_\_ Office of Planning and Research  
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**From: (Public Agency)**  
City of Merced  
678 West 18th St.  
Merced, CA 95340

  X   County Clerk  
County of Merced  
2222 M Street  
Merced, CA 95340

**Project Title:** Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan (Environmental Review #19-17)

**Project Applicant:** City of Merced

**Project Location (Specific):** City of Merced

**Project Location - City:** Merced

**Project Location - County:** Merced

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:** The project involves the creation of an Active Transportation and Safe-Routes-to-School Plan for the City of Merced.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Merced

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:** City of Merced

**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:  
  X   Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning

Studies: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ General Rule (Sec. 15061 (b)(3))

**Reasons why Project is Exempt:** Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Guidelines Section 15262 a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. No specific projects are being approved with the Plan.

**Lead Agency:** City of Merced

**Contact Person:** Michael Hren, Principal Planner **Area Code/Telephone:** (209) 385-6858

**Signature:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 6/20/19 **Title:** Principal Planner

  X   Signed by Lead Agency **Date Received for Filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable)

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