### Right-Turn Pocket on Merced Street at 7<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Project

San Joaquin Valley Project Level Conformity Group Presentation

May 15, 2024

## **City of Fowler**

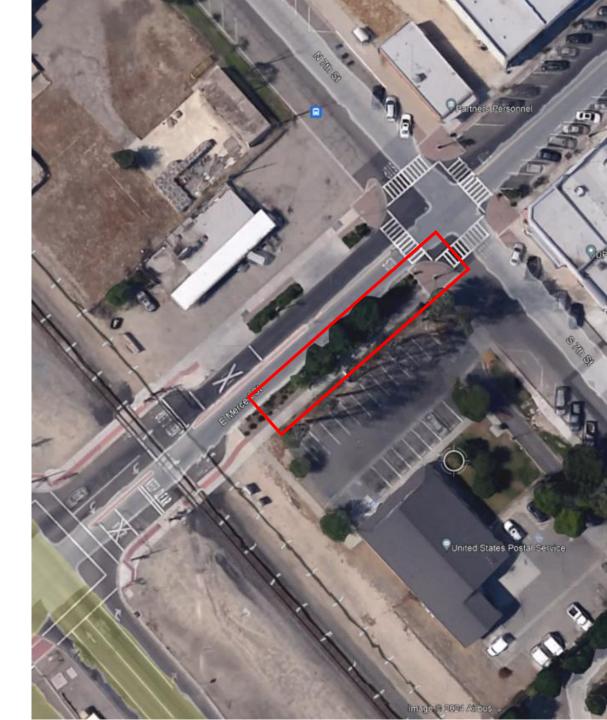


### **Project Overview**

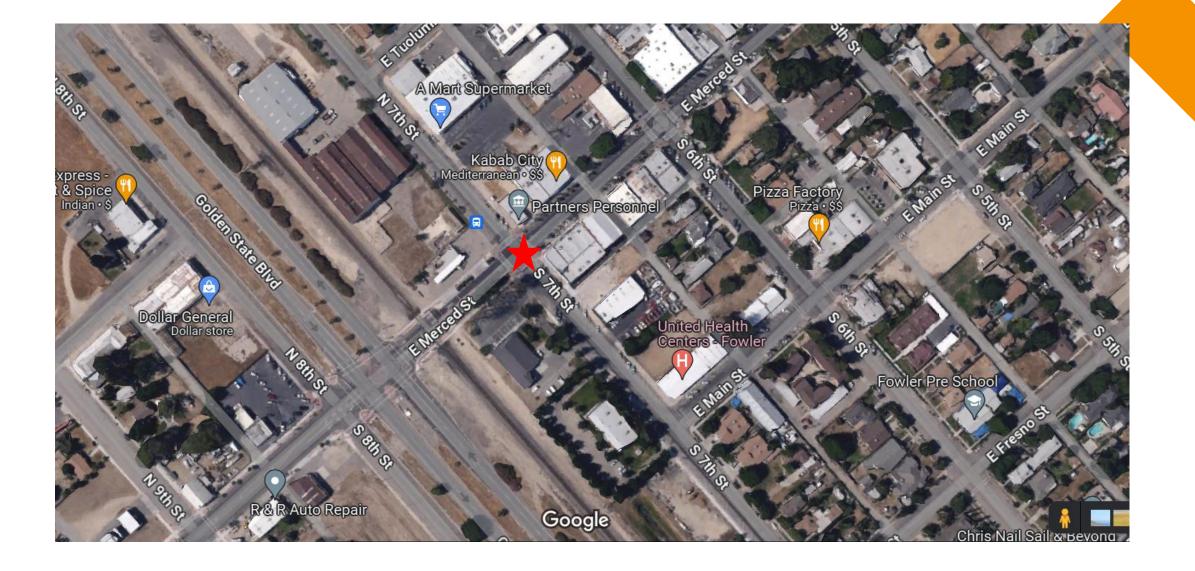
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## **Project Description**

- Congestion and Air Quality Mitigation (CMAQ) Funded
  - Preliminary Engineering: \$20,000 FY 21/22
  - Construction: \$130,000 FY 23/24
- Southwest corner of Merced St & 7<sup>th</sup> St, Fowler CA
- UPRR tracks 250' west of the intersection
- Currently an all-way stop controlled intersection and the proposed project will install a right turn pocket at this intersection
- All proposed improvements are within the existing right of way
- Relocate the existing sidewalk, ADA ramp, and street light
- Affected establishments in the area include City Hall Complex, United Health Centers, U.S.P.S. Office, and additional commercial and residential locations



### **Project Location**



### **Project Purpose & Need**

### Project Purpose

- The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the efficiency of the intersection, while at the same time reducing congestion and improving air quality
- The addition of a right turn pocket would alleviate idling at the intersection and improve circulation at the intersection
- The project will provide an additional lane for eastbound traffic

### Project Need

- The current intersection experiences congestion
- Specifically, there is queuing on the eastbound lane next to the railroad tracks

## **TIP Project Listing**

- The proposed project (FTIP ID: LSTMP833) is listed in the 2023 Fresno Transportation Improvement Program\*.
- The scope of the proposed project is consistent with the project description in the 2023 FTIP.

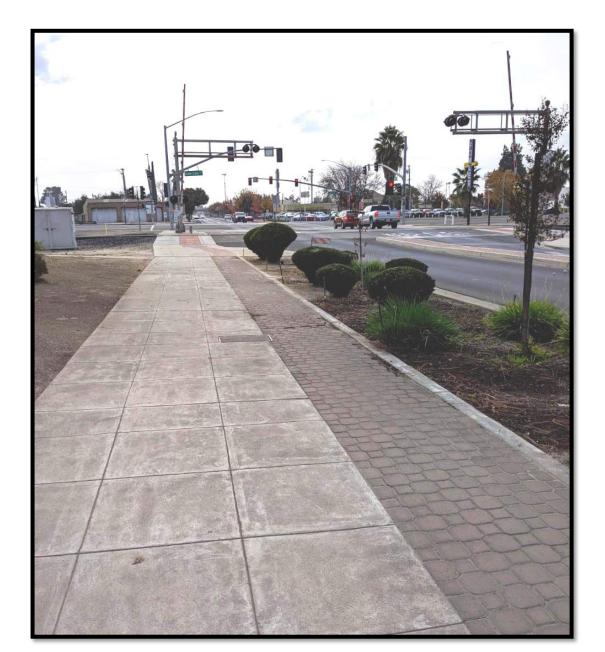
AGENCY	FTIP	GROUPED LIST PROJECT #	PROJECT ID #	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	FUND	PRIOR	FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25	FY25/26	FUTURE	FUND TOTAL	TOTAL COST
				Shaw Ave Adaptive ITS Project - Cole to	Shaw Ave from Cole Ave to DeWolf Ave; install adaptive ITS system	CMAQ	\$0	\$54	\$479	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$533	\$602
Clovis, City of	'23-00	FRE020106				Local	\$0	\$7	\$62			\$0	\$69	\$002
				Herndon Ave Adaptive ITS Project - Clovis	Herndon Ave from Clovis Ave to Locan Ave; install adaptive ITS	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$468	\$0	\$521	
Clovis, City of	'23-00	FRE020106	LSTMP798	to Locan	system and related signal improvements	Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7	\$61	\$0	\$68	\$589
TOTAL FRE020106 - CLOVIS ITS						\$0	\$61	\$541	\$60	\$529	\$0	\$1,191	\$1,191	
				Blackstone Ave - McKinely to Shields:	Blackstone: McKinley to Shields; Class IV protected bike lane, traffic calming, curb ramp and median nose recon, bus stop platforms,	CMAQ	\$136	\$0	\$0	\$90	\$0	\$1,665	\$1,891	
Fresno, City of	'23-00	FRE020134		Smart Mobility Project		Local	\$20	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$0	\$245	\$277	\$2,168
Fresno, City of	'23-00	FRE020134		California Ave Complete Streets - Fruit to Mayor	northside of California from Kern to Pottle), Install HAWK at existing crosswalk between Tulare and Kern, 13 street lights along corridor,	CMAQ Local	\$0 \$0	\$390 \$51	\$0	\$135 \$18	\$0 \$0	\$4,393 \$569	\$4,918 \$638	\$5,556
					Chestnut Ave neighborhood, area bound by Chestnut Ave, Tulare St, Willow Ave, and Belmont Ave; sidewalk gap infill and curb ramp	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$319	\$29	\$1,388	\$0	\$1,736	
Fresno, City of	'23-00	FRE020134	LSTMP829	Chestnut Neighborhood Sidewalks		Local	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,669	\$0	\$1,669	\$3,405
						\$150	\$441	\$310	\$204	\$0,057	\$0,072	\$11,123	\$11,123	
					7th St and Merced St intersection; Construct a right turn pocket on eastbound Merced St, and relocate existing sidewalk, ADA ramp,	CMAQ	\$18	\$115	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$133	
Fowler, City of	'23-00	FRE020150	LSTMP833	7th and Merced Right Turn Pocket	streetlight.	Local	\$2	\$15	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$17	\$150
TOTAL EREN20150	- TRAFFIC	FI OW IMPRO	VEMENTS				\$20	\$130	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$150

### 2023 FTIP- GROUPED PROJECT LISTING 2023 FTIP Amendment No. 1 2-26-2023 (DOLLARS IN \$1,000)

\* https://fresnocog.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Website-Back-up-project-List-Formal-Amendment-No.-16.pdf

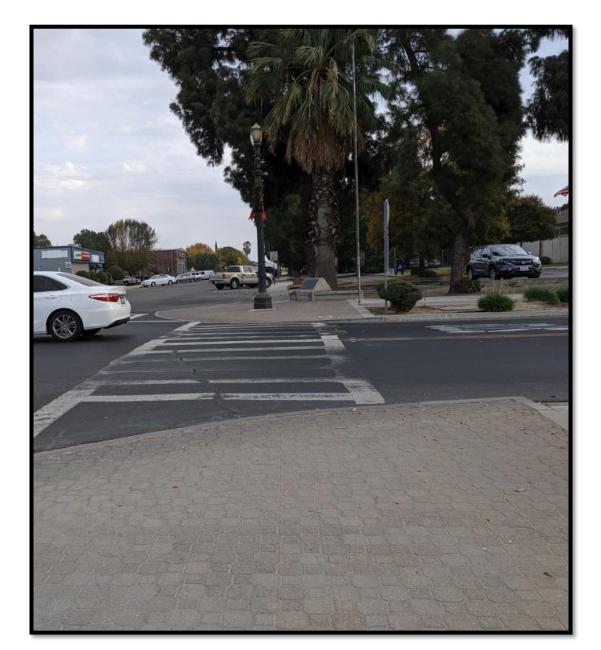
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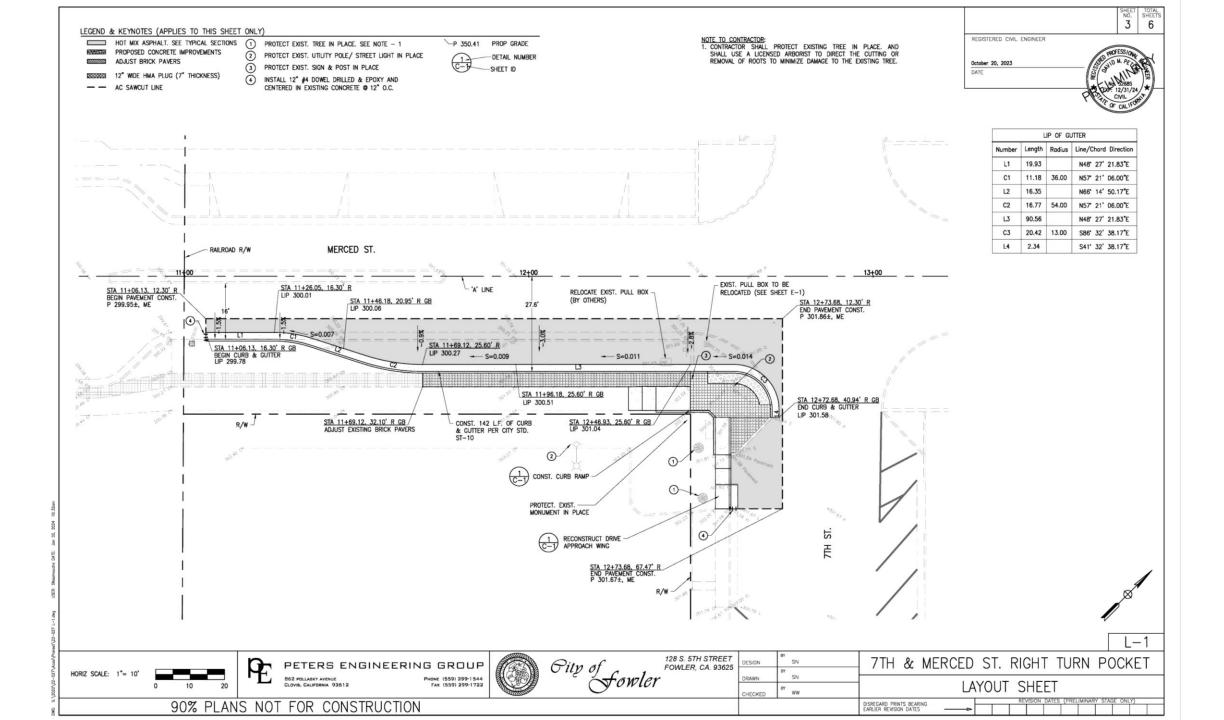




### **Project Features (Contd.)**







## **Traffic Summary**

- The project is scheduled to begin construction in October 2024 and will take approximately three months to complete.
- Traffic analysis was not conducted as part of the project.
- For demonstration purposes, the traffic data from the COG's travel demand model for the existing and horizon years are shown.
- As the project does not change the traffic volumes, <u>the traffic data does not change between the no-build and build-case scenarios.</u>

	2024	2046
Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT)	1,740	2,637
Truck AADT	35	53
% Trucks	2%	2%

### **Project Schedule**

	Start Date	End Date
Preliminary Engineering	08/08/2022	05/30/2024
Engineering	06/01/2024	03/31/2025
Right-of-Way	N/A	N/A
Construction	10/01/2024	12/31/2024

### **Project-level Conformity Conclusion**

- Project does not meet the criteria for a POAQC as defined in the final rule by 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). The project is listed as one of the non-exempt project examples that are not a local air quality concern under 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1)(i) and (ii) stated as
  - An intersection channelization project or interchange configuration project that involves either turn lanes or slots, or lanes or movements that are physically separated. These kinds of projects improve freeway operations by smoothing traffic flow and vehicle speeds by improving weave and merge operations, which would not be expected to create or worsen PM NAAQS violations.
- □ Additional reasons why the project is not a POAQC are:
  - > The project will not construct a new or expanded highway;
  - > Neither 7th nor Merced Streets are designated truck routes with a significant number of diesel vehicles;
  - The project will not install new bus or rail terminals;
  - > The project will not expand any bus or rail terminals;
  - The project should not result in a significant increase in traffic volume;



# **Questions?**

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