

STREET LIGHTING: A well designed public streetlight system enhances public safety while contributing to community quality of life. Streetlight plans convey information about the type, wattage, and location of streetlights required to be installed with various types of residential, commercial, and industrial development projects.

These plans may also include Safety Lights, which are traffic signal poles and luminaires which temporarily function as streetlights at intersections which will be signalized in the future. Streetlight plans prepared by the developer's engineer are reviewed by the City to optimize public street illumination for traffic safety purposes, without imposing undue public maintenance and energy costs.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS: Street Signal Plans are submitted by private engineers to accommodate the installation of public infrastructure that is required by development entitlements, which include, for example, new subdivisions, parcel maps, Site Plan Reviews, Rezone, and Conditional Use Permits. The Plan's street signs are typically prepared by private engineers at the request of the developer, then submitted to Public Works to insure that Signal Plans follow Federal, State, and City standards.

LANDSCAPING: A well designed landscape system enhances City aesthetics and improves neighborhood livability. The City's objective is to plant and preserve trees on public property that provide aesthetics, air purification, and shading that serve the interests and public welfare of the public.



Did you know that ...?

The City of Fresno is providing another service delivery "Hot Spot" within City Hall to better meet your needs.

The City's new Developer Doorway provides easy web based access to:

- 1. An online offsite improvement plan check log on the City's website which provides better tracking of plans as they are moving through plan check,*
- 2. Downloadable technology tools to improve the quality and expedite the processing of the plans being submitted.*
- 3. Applicable plan submittal policies, checklists, standardized notes, templates, and sample completed plans.*
- 4. A pro-active, service oriented conceptual review to sidestep obstacles and avoid plan check delays.*

The goal of the Developer Doorway and the new approach to processing offsite improvement plans is to shorten the plan check review turnaround time through more guidance upfront, and the provision of examples and development tools. The Developer Doorway pilot was developed with feedback from the BIA and industry representatives.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Fresno's Developer Doorway to Expedited Plan Check

Improving our World with a Culture of Excellence
where People get the Best Every Day!



Fresno's newest Service Delivery "Hot Spot" is here! The Public Works Developer Doorway facility delivers a new approach to submitting and processing offsite improvement plans for the City of Fresno.

REDEFINING SERVICE LEVELS - The City "Raises the Bar" on Customer Service Following a Banner Year: 2005 was a record year, with 186 offsite improvement plans filed for processing. In the City's review of its approach to plan check, it made the decision to undertake significant change to improve service levels.

THE NEW DEVELOPER DOORWAY: This new service is designed to improve communication and service levels related to the processing of offsite improvement plans by:

- Providing a growing knowledge base of information and tools to help the industry standardize the consistency and quality of plan submittals;
- Providing downloadable technical tools and examples of successful submittals;
- Providing reliable and timely plan check statuses to the development community.

ACCESSING THE DEVELOPER DOORWAY TOOLS:

Website Address:

www.Fresno.Gov/PublicWorks/Developer.Doorway.asp

The Pre-Application Review: The Application Assistance Center (AAC) pre-screens your project prior to your submittal of a formal application, with the goal of identifying processing requirements that might delay your project if not initiated early enough.

THE ON-LINE PLAN CHECK LOG: This too makes information on the status of your plan check just a click away.

The on-line plan check log, developed internally by

Public Utility Department staff, answers the development community's questions about the status of their plan check by identifying:

- The plan sets in process for that Engineer and/or Developer.
- The number of days in process;
- The assigned Public Works' file number.
- The assigned plan checker.

SECURITY OF INFORMATION: Through a personal set of user IDs and passwords, the Engineer or Developer is assured that the privacy of their information is protected.

ORGANIZED BY TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT:

The log is further organized by the type of offsite improvement for which the plans have been submitted, and include:

- GEOMETRICS (Conceptual design)
- STREET PLANS
- STREET LIGHTING
- STREET SIGNALS
- STREET SIGNAGE & STRIPING
- LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS

PLAN SUBMITTAL PROCESS AND POLICY: Public Works' goal is to provide clear guidance, self-certification checklists, and copies of the applicable policies that will enable the development professionals to submit a set of plans certified to meet the Department's submittal requirements. The goal is to avoid extra costs associated with project delays.

PLAN SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST: The City of Fresno provides a plan certification process that identifies what is expected during plan submittal.

The plan submittal checklist will guide development

professionals to submit a qualified set of plans that are self-certified to meet Public Works Department's submittal requirements.

Public Works counter staff and the City's Application Assistance Center will only accept qualified and certified submittal packages that have completed and certified checklists for the following:

GEOMETRIC APPROVAL DRAWINGS: The Geometric Approval Drawings (GAD) are the conceptual drawings, which are developed at the 30% level of proposed street improvements. The City reviews and approves the geometric design of the roadways prior to the engineer's preparation of detailed street improvement plans.

GEOMETRIC APPROVAL: A City approved GAD provides savings in design cost, review cost, and overall scheduling delays by avoiding time-consuming major revisions to plans at the 95% or 100% level.

GADs are reviewed to ensure compliance with City, State, and Federal roadway design standards, including adequate intersection capacity, roadway safety, and proper design features for the particular street classification and design speed.

STREET PLANS: A well designed public street system enhances public safety, improves air quality, reduces congestion, and contributes to community quality of life. Street improvement plans convey information about the improvements the developer plans to construct.

The plans are reviewed to ensure compliance with City, State, and Federal standards and consideration for adequate spaces left for on-street parking; travel lanes for the intended volume of traffic; pedestrian and bicycle safety; and other transportation related issues.