

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works – Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

Based on a preliminary review of the project the following activity is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

APN(s): County Right-of-Way **Case No.** 863011 and 864010

LOCATION: Union Valley Parkway Extension at US Highway 101 Interchange

PROJECT TITLE: Union Valley Parkway Extension (Phase III) and Union Valley Parkway Interchange Agreements

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The UVP Interchange at US 101 is currently in construction and will provide the connection between the UVP Extension Project and the State highway system at US 101. At the completion of the interchange project both agencies have agreed to maintain certain portions of the improvements. The Freeway Agreements are being recommended for approval to finalize the County agreement with Caltrans. These agreements are similar to other agreements the County has made previously, at other interchanges in the unincorporated County.

Approve and authorize the Chair to:

- Execute the attached Construction Cooperative Agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and the City of Santa Maria (City) to provide funding for the construction of Union Valley Parkway Extension (Phase III);
- Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Construction Support Services Agreement with the City for the County of Santa Barbara (County) to provide construction support services for the Union Valley Parkway Extension (Phase III);
- Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Freeway Maintenance Agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the County to maintain roadway portions of the Union Valley Parkway Interchange at US 101

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

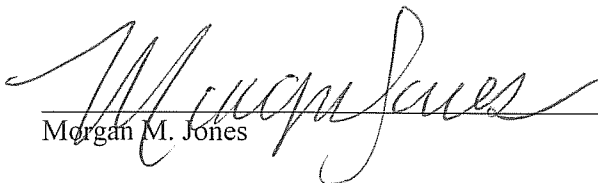
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to authorized interagency agreements. The agreements are not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval.

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Acceptance Date: **November 13, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for



Morgan M. Jones

October 31, 2012
Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted with the County's Planning & Development Department at least 6 days prior to consideration of the activity by the decision-makers to comply with County CEQA guidelines and a copy must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board after project approval to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:

Date filed with Planning & Development

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