

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): Various **Case No.:** N/A

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Breeze Transit Service Extension, Revised Memorandum of Understanding

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County is participating in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Breeze regional transportation service to continue implementation of services. The revised MOU will facilitate expanding the current Breeze bus service to include service from the Santa Maria Valley to the Santa Ynez Valley. Staff conducted outreach meetings in the Cities of Buellton, Santa Maria, Solvang, Los Alamos, and at Allan Hancock College to present the draft schedule, bus stops, and fares for a two-year pilot service program to extend the Breeze transit service between Santa Maria and Santa Ynez Valley. Based on available funding and public input received at these meetings, the Breeze extension will operate Monday through Friday, with three roundtrips per day.

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 a 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 Board of Supervisors is a responsible agency and is one of three agencies signing the MOU to continue the existing Breeze transit service and is one of four agencies signing the revised MOU to extend the Breeze transit service to the Santa Ynez Valley. The MOU is 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.

