## 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):** 057-030-033

Case No.: Real Property File No. R-329

**LOCATION:** Portion of La Cumbre Road, Santa Barbara, abutting APN 057-030-033

**PROJECT TITLE:** La Cumbre Road Vacation, Santa Barbara (R-329)

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** County vacation and sale of a fee interest in a portion of La Cumbre Road abutting APN 143-344-006 (hereinafter the "Property") as shown on the attached map. The purpose of vacating the Property is to allow it to be merged with APN 057-030-033, thereby moving the easterly property line of APN 057-030-033 east to the back of the existing sidewalk.

EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)	
_	Ministerial
	Statutory
_	X Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
	Emergency Project
	No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b,3)]
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Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:...(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The County's proposed vacation of the Property is a minor alteration of the existing roadway and is therefore contemplated under CEQA section 15301(c). The vacation of the easement will relieve the County of current and future landscape maintenance, water and weed abatement costs and will have no impact on the existing street or public use. The vacated easement will allow the property owner to use the area vacated for private landscaping that will act as street screening and as a noise attenuation buffer.

Department Representative 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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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