

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering 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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

Project No. 862265

LOCATION APN(s) Adjacent to parcels 129-0404,007,008,011 along Santa Maria Mesa Road and Foxen Canyon Road

PROJECT TITLE Santa Maria Mesa Road at Foxen Canyon Road Intersection Realignment Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

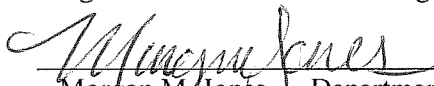
The County of Santa Barbara proposes to reconfigure the intersection of Foxen Canyon Road at Santa Maria Mesa Road from a "Y" intersection to a "T" intersection. The reconfigured intersection will modify the south leg of Foxen Canyon Road by bending it to the north-east as it approaches Santa Maria Mesa Road which will create a 90 degree "T" intersection. As a result the intersection will be relocated to a point approximately 150 feet southeast of its original location along Santa Maria Mesa Road. All work will be within the County road right of way.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

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

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: The project is a repair of an existing County roadway and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Because this is a public road project outside of the Coastal Zone it has been determined to be exempt from the Land Use Development Permit requirements by ordinance, under Section 35.10.040 G (b) of the Land Use Development Code. The project is maintenance activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.


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Department/Division Representative

April 28, 2010

Date

NOTE: A copy must be posted 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.

DATE FILE OF COUNTY CLERK