

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.

APN(s) Varies

Project No. 900900

LOCATION: On north side of Union Avenue from a point 112 feet west of the centerline of South First Street to a point 140 feet west of centerline on South First Street

PROJECT TITLE: Post Office Drop Box No Parking Zone and Disabled Parking Space.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Public Works Department installed a post office drop box on Union Avenue in the Old Town Orcutt area of Santa Barbara County. After the installation of post office the drop box, it became apparent that parking restrictions in the area were warranted to provide a safe manner in which to use the new post office drop box. The "No Parking" zone was added as part of the design for the installation of the drop box in addition to a disabled parking space on First Street.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- ___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
___ X 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 safety improvement 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 public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

Morgan M. Jones Department/Division Representative May 25, 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.