

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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Enhancement Account Certifications and Assurances (PTMISEA)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department requests the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve a Resolution that the County agrees to comply with all conditions and requirements set forth in the Certification and Assurances document and applicable statutes, regulations and guidelines for all PTMISEA funded transit projects
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to execute all required documents of the PTMISEA program and any amendment

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Section 15378(b)(2)]

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 adopt a Resolution for the PTMISEA. Each year Caltrans makes an allocation of PTMISEA funding to local agencies. Each fund recipient must submit an executed one-time Certifications and Assurances in order to be eligible to receive this funding. The attached Resolution ensures compliance with all conditions and requirements of the Certifications and Assurances and designates the Public Works Director as the County's authorized agent to execute all required documents of the PTMISEA program. The adoption of resolutions is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the general policy making 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. Further, the request to adopt a Resolution will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **July 7, 2015**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

June 11, 2015

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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