

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rosie Dyste, Planning and Development

The project or activity identified below 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: N/A **Case No.:** N/A **Location:** N/A

Project Title: Caltrans Community-Based Transportation and Environmental Justice Grants Contract Execution Authorization

Project Description: In August 2012, Caltrans awarded two planning grants to Planning and Development, Long Range Planning Division. Caltrans requires program conditions to be fulfilled by October 15, 2012 in order to develop a Fund Transfer Agreement (contract) between Planning and Development and Caltrans. One of the conditions is a resolution giving the Director of Santa Barbara County Planning and Development authorization to execute all contract agreements with Caltrans for completion of the grants for the Mission Park to Mission Canyon Road Multimodal Improvements Project and the Los Alamos Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan.

Name of Person or Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County Planning and Development

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
 Statutory Exemption
 Categorical Exemption
 Emergency Project
 Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15262 – A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project authorizes the Director of Planning and Development to execute grant contract agreements with Caltrans for two planning studies. The planning studies are for proposed projects are not yet approved, adopted, or funded by the County.

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Department/Division Representative: _____ Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff

Date Filed by County Clerk: _____.