

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

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

PROJECT TITLE: North County Transit, Revised Memorandums of Understanding

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County is participating in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Breeze regional transportation service to continue implementation of services. The three MOUs recommended for Board adoption will continue all three transit services for five additional years, or until June 30, 2019. The Public Works Department requests the Board approve and authorize the Chair to: Sign the Memorandum of Understanding continuing the Breeze 100 service between the Cities of Santa Maria, Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara; Sign the Memorandum of Understanding continuing the Wine County Express service between the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton, Solvang and the County of Santa Barbara; Sign the Memorandum of Understanding continuing the Breeze 200 service between the Cities of Santa Maria, Solvang, Buellton and the County of Santa Barbara.

Each of the three MOUs establishes a technical committee consisting of city and county staff as well as a representative from SBCAG, and a policy committee consisting of elected officials from the funding entities, to review service performance and assure the viability of service, operating efficiency and achieving a 20% farebox ratio. The technical committee provides reports and makes recommendations to the policy committee for continual monitoring of how the transit service is performing

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15061 (b) A project is exempt from CEQA if: (3) The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The Board of Supervisors is a responsible agency and is one of three agencies signing the MOU to continue the existing Breeze transit service and is one of four agencies signing the revised MOU to extend the Breeze transit service to the Santa Ynez Valley. It can be seen with certainty that the approval and signing of revised MOU will have no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, the activity has been determined to be exempt for CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **June 17, 2014**

[Date of final action on project]

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

May 27, 2014
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.

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