

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: Cooperation Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the County of Santa Barbara for the Union Valley Parkway Interchange barrier walls

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Request for the Chair to approve and authorize the Board to execute the attached Project Cooperation Agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG). In 2014, following discussion of concerned residents about needed barrier walls adjacent to homes, members of the North County Subregional Committee recommended that Measure A cost savings be used for development and construction of barrier walls adjacent the Union Valley Parkway Interchange. SBCAG Board approved this recommendation. Public Works and SBCAG staff developed an agreement to address these concerns.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

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

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):

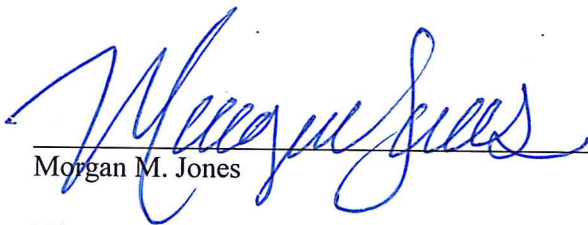
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to approve, authorize and execute the Agreement between the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the County of Santa Barbara. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the agreement between the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and the County of Santa Barbara and is not a project it can be found to be exempt from CEQA.

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Acceptance Date: **September 22, 2015**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting


Morgan M. Jones

September 9, 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.

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