

# 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 (Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 et seq.), as defined in the State CEQA Guidelines and County Revised CEQA Guidelines.

**APN(s)** N/A County owned Right of Way      **Project No.** N/A

**LOCATION:** In the First, Third and Fourth Supervisorial Districts

**PROJECT TITLE:** Adopt Resolutions for Stop Controls on various roads in the Third Supervisorial District and Parking Restrictions on various roads in the First and Fourth Supervisorial Districts

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Public Works Department recommends the listed changes to your Board for approval to improve public safety and traffic circulation with stop controls and parking restrictions. The Public Works Department requests the Board to:

- 1) Adopt the a Resolution to establish stop controls on various roads in the Santa Ynez and Vandenberg Village areas of the Third Supervisorial District;
- 2) Adopt a Resolution to rescind Resolution 98-35 and Resolution 04-220 to remove parking restrictions on various roads in the Orcutt area of the Fourth Supervisorial District;
- 3) Adopt a Resolution to establish a no stopping, standing or parking zone on various roads in the Mission Canyon area of the First Supervisorial District and in the Orcutt area of the Fourth Supervisorial District;

## **Third District – Santa Ynez and Vandenberg Village Area**

### **ADOPT**

#### **One-Way Stop Control**

- Cuesta Street at its intersection with Willow Street
- Burnham Drive at its intersection with St. Andrews Way
- Pinehurst Drive at its intersection with St. Andrews Way

#### **Two-Way Stop Control**

- Cota Street at its intersection with Sagunto Street

**Fourth District -- Orcutt**

**RECIND**

**No Parking Zone**

- On the east and west sides of Dickson Drive between the centerline of Downing Lane and a point 80 feet south of the centerline of Downing Lane
- On the south side of Dickson Drive between a point 70 feet south of the centerline of Vineland Drive and the centerline of Winter Road

**No Parking Zone (7:00 to 3:00 pm school days only)**

- On the west side of Dickson Drive between a point 70 feet south of the centerline of Vineland Drive and the centerline of Winter Road

**ADOPT**

**No Stopping, Standing or Parking Zone**

- On the north and south side of Exeter Place from the centerline of Cheltenham Road to a point 87 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road.
- On the north side of Exeter Place from a point 170 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road to a point 300 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road.
- On the south side of Exeter Place from a point 420 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road to a point 546 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road.
- On the north side of Exeter Place from a point 486 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road to a point 580 feet east of the centerline of Cheltenham Road
- On the north side of Dahlia Place from a point 119 feet west of the centerline of Loch Lomond Drive to a point 167 feet west of the centerline of Loch Lomond Drive (7:00 am to 3:00 pm school days)
- On the west side of Dickson Drive from the centerline of Winter Road to a point 303 feet north of the centerline of Winter Road (7:00 am to 3:00 pm school days).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara  
Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Transportation Division

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- X** Categorical Exemption {15301(c)}
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15301(c) Existing Facilities – Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The types of “existing facilities“, itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are 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).

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Consistent with this exemption, the proposed project involves the change of stop controls and parking regulations as an effective method for improving traffic safety and circulation. Parking areas and stop controls on public roadways are established based upon safety, sight distance restrictions, necessity and how it relates to the use by the community as a whole. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

There is no substantial evidence that there are unusual circumstances (including future activities) resulting in (or which might reasonably result in) significant impacts which threaten the environment. The exceptions to the categorical exemptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines are:

- (a) **Location.** Classes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project is to be located -- a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 is a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (b) **Cumulative Impact.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

The project involves changes to stop controls and parking zones on public roads. In addition, there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (c) **Significant Effect.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The project involves a routine updating of parking regulations on public roads. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (d) **Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.

The project does not involve a scenic highway or a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, rock outcropping or similar resource.

- (e) **Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

There are no hazardous wastes site locations on public roads. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The roadways involved are not identified as a historical resource. In addition, changes in roadway parking regulations would not involve any structural modifications to existing facilities. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

October 7, 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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