

# 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:** Cedarhurst Drive in the Orcutt area in the Fourth Supervisorial District

**PROJECT TITLE:** Adopting a Parking Restriction with Permit Parking

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Public Works requests that the Board adopt a Resolution to establish a “one hour time limit parking zone (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm excluding Holidays)” with a “permit parking area” on Cedarhurst Drive in the Orcutt area in the Fourth Supervisorial District. A request for a permit parking area on Cedarhurst Drive was received from the residents of the condominiums on the east side. The Public Works Department evaluated the request and recommends that the Board adopt the proposed:

**One Hour Time Limit Parking Zone (Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm excluding Holidays)**

- On the east side of Cedarhurst Drive from the centerline of Foster Road to the centerline of Hilltop Road.

**Permit Parking Area**

- On the east side of Cedarhurst Drive from the centerline of Foster Road to the centerline of Hilltop Road.

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  
 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 parking designations as an effective method for improving traffic safety and circulation. Parking regulations 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. Permit Parking Areas are enacted to alleviate serious problems identified in residential areas of the County due to motor vehicle congestion, particularly the long-term parking of motor vehicles on the streets of such areas and neighborhoods by non-residents thereof. In order to protect and promote the integrity of these areas and neighborhoods, it is necessary to enact regulations restricting unlimited parking by non-residents therein, while providing the opportunity for residents to park near their homes. 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 parking areas 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 speed limit regulations would not involve any structural modifications to existing facilities. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Acceptance Date: **July 21, 2015**

[date of final action on project]

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

May 20, 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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