

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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**FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division  
(Lead Department/Division)**

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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) County owned Right of Way      **Project No. 862453****

**LOCATION: Fourth Supervisorial District**

**PROJECT TITLE: Hummel Drive and Union Valley Parkway Traffic Signal; County Project No. 862453; Fourth Supervisorial District**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** This item is on the agenda to approve the plans, specifications, award the construction contract, and approve a budget revision for the Hummel Drive and Union Valley Parkway Traffic Signal project to the lowest responsible bidder, G. Sosa Construction Inc. in the amount of \$723,381.

The proposed project would install a traffic signal and make the two-way stop intersection a signalized intersection. It would improve all four corners of the intersection and place new sidewalk, curb and gutter, and curb ramps. There would be crosswalks at all four legs of the intersection. Proper traffic signage, pavement markings, and striping would be installed to accommodate the new traffic signal. The proposed project will increase pedestrian safety, improve traffic flow, and provide complete sidewalks and curb ramps that meet current standards.

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 a change in traffic controls and sidewalk improvements for public safety. A traffic engineering study was conducted, and it was determined that the intersection meets traffic warrants for current and future conditions to install a traffic signal. Such are established based upon safety, sight distance restrictions, necessity and how it relates to the use by the community. 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 installing a traffic signal and sidewalk improvements at the intersection of existing 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 public traffic safety improvements 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

Department/Division Representative: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator

Acceptance Date: **December 9, 2025**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

*Kalani Durham*

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Department Representative

11/12/2025

Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted 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 by County Clerk:

12/10/2025

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# 2025 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person <b>Hammer Lazaro</b>		Phone <b>8055683094</b>	
Lead Agency <b>Dept. of Public Works - Transportation</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>hlazaro@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>UVP/Hummel Singal</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Hammer Lazaro</b>	Email <b>hlazaro@countyofsb.org</b>	Phone <b>8055683094</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>620 W Foster Rd</b>	City <b>Santa Maria</b>	State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93455</b>

**DOCUMENT BEING FILED:**

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
  - 2025 Filing Fee .....\$4,123.50
  - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) ..... \$0.00
  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval: Click or tap to enter a date.

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
  - 2025 Filing Fee ..... \$2,968.75
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  - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**) .....\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

**PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING**

- Cash
- Credit  
In person only
- Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- Journal Entry # 1070719  
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept



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11/19/2025 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-  
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For JE-1070719 - County of Santa Barbara California - 11/19/2025 - Processing Fee- Notice of Exemp- 2025-12-09 862453 Hummel Dr and UVP Traffic Signal  
Overall Process Journal: JE-1070719 on 11/19/2025 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH  
Overall Status In Progress  
Due Date 11/21/2025  
Calendar in Use Consecutive Days (No Calendars Selected)

Details

Journal Entry View

Journal JE-1070719 - County of Santa Barbara California - 11/19/2025 - Processing Fee- Notice of Exemp- 2025-12-09 862453 Hummel Dr and UVP Traffic Signal  
Journal Number JE-1070719  
Status Reserved  
Event In Progress Accounting Journal  
Budget Check Status Pass

Journal Entry Information

Originated by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH  
Accounting Date 11/19/2025  
Currency USD  
Period Nov-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)  
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals  
Journal Source Manual Journal  
Balancing Fund FD-0015 Roads-Operators  
Book Code

Journal Entry Details

Memo Processing Fee- Notice of Exemp- 2025-12-09 862453 Hummel Dr and UVP Traffic Signal  
External Reference ID Processing Fee- Notice of Exemp- 2025-12-09 862453 Hummel Dr and UVP Traffic Signal  
Adjustment Journal No  
Create Reversal No  
Balanced Yes  
Total As-Entered Ledger Debits 100.00  
Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines



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Check Budget (Financial)	Check Budget (Financial)	Automatic Complete	11/19/2025 09:49:53 AM	11/21/2025		0	
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Remaining Process							
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					MARISOL VILLALOBOS (Cost Center Manager) 0		



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE**  
**CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 42 — 12/10/2025 — 239  
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Department of Public Works - Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL hlazaro@countyofsb.org	DATE 12/10/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE

UVP/Hummel Signal

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Hammer Lazaro	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL hlazaro@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3094
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 W Foster Rd	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- |   |            |    |      |
|---|------------|----|------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,123.50 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)                                   | \$2,968.75 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,401.75 | \$ | 0.00 |

- Exempt from fee  
      Notice of Exemption (attach)  
      CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

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|---|----------|----|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee   |          | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |          | \$ |       |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other   
 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X <i>Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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