

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): 109-200-010, -037, & -038

Case No.: Real Property File No. R-214

LOCATION: Portion of Orcutt Road, Santa Maria, abutting APNs 109-200-037, & -038

PROJECT TITLE: Orcutt Road Vacation & Sale, Santa Maria

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: County vacation and sale of a fee interest in a portion of Orcutt Road abutting APNs 109-200-010, -037, & -038 as shown on the attached map. The consummated, the vacated Orcutt Road right-of-way ("ROW") will be merged with APNs 109-200-037 & -038 (hereinafter the "Property"), and removed from the publicly maintained system. This Proposed action is in compliance with the Orcutt Community Plan which calls for the closure of the ROW to improve traffic safety at the nearby Lakeview Road intersection with Highway 135.

EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

- ___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301(c)]
___ Emergency Project
___ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but 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), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The County's proposed vacation and sale of the subject ROW is a minor alteration of the existing roadway and is therefore contemplated under CEQA section 15301(c). The vacation of the easement and transfer of fee will relieve the County of current and future road, streetlight and landscape maintenance, water and weed abatement costs and will have no impact on the existing street or public use thereof.

Department Representative (Signature)

Date (5/19/10)

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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