

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): ROW Case No.: County Project No. 862279

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Seismic Retrofit of the Hollister Avenue Underpass (Bridge No. 51C-018).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The contract award is for a previously approved project. The award of the construction contract goes to the lowest responsible bidder. This exemption considers all further administrative activities, including the Statement of Final Quantities for project close out. The proposed project is located in the unincorporated area of the Second Supervisorial District of Santa Barbara County.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

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):

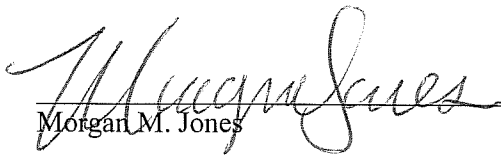
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to award a contract for a project that was previously approved under CEQA. The award of the contract is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, the award of the contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **June 19, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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May 22, 2012
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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