

ATTACHMENT 4: CIRCULATION ELEMENT RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE CIRCULATION) RESOLUTION NO. 24 - _____
ELEMENT OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY)
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM) Case No.: 24GPA-00005
1 OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY)
2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE.)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. On December 3, 1991, by Resolution No. 91-696, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barba (County) adopted the Circulation Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan.
- B. On December 5, 2023, by Resolution No. 23-271, the Board of Supervisors adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update (HEU).
- C. On January 22, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development notified the County that the 2023-2031 HEU was in substantial compliance with State housing element law.
- D. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65583m.2(a), the 2023-2031 HEU identifies sites throughout the community, including rezone sites and County-owned sites, that can be developed or redeveloped for housing within the planning period and that are sufficient to provide for the County’s 2023-2031 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), plus a 15 percent buffer for the lower- and moderate-income levels. In addition, Program 1 of Chapter 5 of the 2023-2031 HEU directs the County to “select ... County-owned sites to be developed or redeveloped” and “complete redesignation/rezoning of adequate sites to fully accommodate the 2023-2031 RHNA plus the 15 percent buffer for lower- and moderate-income households.”
- E. The proposed amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and the requirements of California planning, zoning, and development laws.
- F. In 2024, a Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the 2023-2031 HEU was prepared and presented to the County Planning Commission, subsequent to circulation of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report to the appropriate agencies and public, and a public hearing was held to solicit public comments in compliance with to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- G. Public agencies, California Native American Indian Tribes, civic, education, and other community groups, public utility companies, and citizens have been consulted on and have advised the County Planning Commission on said proposed amendments in a public hearing pursuant to GC Section 65351.
- H. The County contacted and offered to conduct consultations with California Native American tribes in compliance with GC Sections 65352.3 and 65352.4.

- I. The County Planning Commission held duly noticed public hearings, as required by Government Code Section 65353, on the proposed amendments, at which hearings the amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.
- J. The County Planning Commission, after holding duly noticed public hearings on the above described amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, endorsed and transmitted to the Board of Supervisors said recommended amendments by resolution in compliance with GC Section 65354.
- K. The Board of Supervisors received and considered the County Planning Commission’s recommended actions and held a duly noticed public hearing, as required by GC Section 65353, on the proposed amendments at which hearing the amendments were explained and comments invited from the persons in attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. The above recitations are true and correct.
2. The Board of Supervisors now finds, consistent with its authority in GC Section 65358, that it is in the public interest to provide orderly development of the County and important to the preservation of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of the County to:
 - a. Amend the Circulation Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan to modify Section E, Exemptions, of Chapter IV, Roadway Project and Intersection Consistency Standards for Determination of Project Consistency, to add a new exemption from roadway and intersection standards for specified housing sites (g) and to read as follows:

E. Exemptions:

Roadway and Intersection standards stated above shall not apply to:

- a. Land use permits and coastal development permits if the Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/Board of Supervisors has taken final action on a valid prerequisite discretionary approval (e.g. FDP, CUP) and a finding of Comprehensive Plan consistency was made at the time of approval, and no substantial change has occurred in the project.
- b. Project applications deemed complete prior to October 1, 1991 which are designed to serve as a mitigation measure for, and were expressly embodied as a condition of approval of a previously approved project.
- c. Projects for which a settlement agreement between the property owner and the County was entered into prior to December 3, 1991.
- d. Development Agreements for projects for which a Final Development Plan was approved prior to October 1, 1991, and for which a Settlement Agreement expressly contemplates the County will enter into a Development Agreement for such projects in order to conclude the settlement.

- e. Affordable Housing Overlay designated sites and special need facilities as defined in the Housing Element.
 - f. Projects within the Isla Vista Master Plan Area. The Isla Vista community is located adjacent to the region's largest employer and is primarily a developed urban area. In addition, it is the intent of the Master Plan to encourage the development of basic commercial services within Isla Vista to minimize the necessity of trips outside the area.
 - g. Housing sites that are relied upon to meet the County's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), except those projects that provide 100 percent of the units above the upper moderate-income level (i.e., above 200 percent of the Area Median Income), shall comply with the roadway and intersection standards above unless doing so would render the project infeasible or require a reduction in density. Housing projects shall be required to prepare a traffic study to inform any needed improvements. If roadway and intersection improvements needed to meet LOS standards and fully offset its impacts are either physically infeasible or render the project infeasible, the project shall be required to implement roadway and intersection improvements to address LOS acceptable to the Public Works Department. This exemption shall apply to the roadway and intersection standards of this Circulation Element and all community plans.
- b. Amend the Circulation Element of the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan to modify Section A of Chapter V, Circulation Element Policies, to add clarifying text referencing the list of exemptions from roadway and intersection standards and to read as follows:
 - A. The roadway classifications, intersection levels of service, and capacity levels adopted in this Element shall apply to all roadways and intersections within the unincorporated area of the County, with the exception of those roadways and intersections located within an area included in an adopted community area plan. Roadway classifications, intersection levels of service, and capacity levels adopted as part of any community or area plan subsequent to the adoption of this Element shall supersede any standards included as part of this Element, except as enumerated in the list of exemptions, above.
 1. For the communities of Summerland, Montecito, Goleta, Los Alamos, Mission Canyon, Orcutt and the area of Toro Canyon, and the Santa Ynez Valley area please see the Circulation chapters of the Summerland, Montecito, Goleta, Los Alamos, Mission Canyon, and Orcutt Community Plans and the Toro Canyon Plan and Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan sections of the Coastal Land Use Plan and the Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan for the specific Policies and Actions which implement this policy.
 2. For the community of Los Alamos, please see the Circulation chapter of the Los Alamos Community Plan section of the Comprehensive Plan's Land Use Element for specific policies and actions that implement this policy.
3. In compliance with the provisions of GC Section 65356, the above-described changes are hereby adopted as amendments to the Circulation Element.

4. Pursuant to provisions of GC Section 65357, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to make the documents amending the Santa Barbara County Comprehensive Plan, including the diagrams and text, available to the public for inspection.
5. The Chair and the Clerk of this Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized and directed to sign and certify this Resolution to reflect the above-described action by the Board.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this ____ day of _____ 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

STEVE LAVAGNINO, CHAIR
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

ATTEST:

MONA MIYASATO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

By _____

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RACHEL VAN MULLEN
COUNTY COUNSEL

By  _____

Deputy County Counsel