

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): Various **Case No.: N/A**

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

PROJECT TITLE: Wine Country Express Memorandum of Understanding

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SBCAG is requesting the County's participation in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to continue implementation of transit service between the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton and Solvang. The MOU states that the service will continue to be operated by the City of Lompoc Transit until August 30, 2014. The service provides three daily weekday roundtrips in the morning, mid-day and afternoon, from Lompoc to Solvang with a stop in Buellton. The service was developed to provide connections with the City of Lompoc Transit (COLT), Santa Ynez Valley Transit (SYVT) and the Breeze Intercommunity Service. The MOU is between SBCAG, the County and the Cities of Lompoc, Buellton and Solvang.

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 a 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 a responsible agency and is one of 5 agencies signing the MOU to continue the Wine Country Express transit service. The MOU 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.

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Acceptance Date: **March 13, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting


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March 1, 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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