

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 (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.** N/A

LOCATION: First and Second Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: **Rescinding and Adopting Oversized Vehicle Restrictions Various County Roads in the First and Second Supervisorial Districts**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This item is on the agenda to rescind portions of Resolution 25-100 passed at the Board Hearing on May 13, 2025, for restricting oversized vehicles on various roads in Santa Barbara County and to re-establish time previous overnight restrictions of oversized vehicles on certain roads in Santa Barbara County.

After the passing of the Resolution 25-100, the County was contacted by citizens concerning impacts to the community of Isla Vista. The expressed concerns are the restrictions would prevent services and deliveries that require large vehicles or prevent coastal access for people with oversized vehicles. Staff considered the issues of the citizens and recommends your Board approve the attached proposed Resolution which will modify the times of the restrictions from all times to overnight, 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. The attached resolution also specifies that vehicles being used for delivery, construction, utility work, or public transit would be exempt from the restriction. This action will address the concerns of preventing delivery, construction, or transit vehicles from accessing Isla Vista or coastal access for people with oversized vehicles but still address the original concern of oversized vehicles being stored in Isla Vista. Staff is also recommending reducing the hours of oversized parking restrictions from all times to 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. in the Butterfly Beach area of Montecito. This will address the coastal access issue for the Butterfly Beach Area.

Montecito - First Supervisorial District:

Public Works recommends that your Board adopt the proposed parking restriction of oversized vehicles between the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. in the First Supervisorial District (Vicinity Map #1) on the following roads:

- OLIVE MILL ROAD, from Spring Road to Hill Road.
- CHANNEL DRIVE, from Olive Mill Road to Fairway Road.
- HILL ROAD, from Butterfly Lane to Olive Mill Road.

- BUTTERFLY LANE, from Channel Drive to Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way.

Isla Vista - Second Supervisorial District:

Public Works recommends that your Board adopt the proposed parking restriction of oversized vehicle between the hours of 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. in the Second Supervisorial District (Vicinity Map #2) on the following roads:

- CAMINO CORTO, from El Colegio Road to Del Playa Drive.
- CAMINO DEL SUR, from El Colegio Road to Del Playa Drive.
- CAMINO PESCADERO, from El Colegio Road to Del Playa Drive.
- EMBARCADERO DEL MAR, from El Colegio Road to Trigo Road.
- EMBARCADERO DEL NORTE, from El Colegio Road to Trigo Road.
- EL EMBARCADERO ROAD, from Trigo Road to Del Playa Drive.
- FORTUNA LANE, from Fortuna Road to its northern terminus.
- CAMINO LINDO, from Fortuna Road to Del Playa Drive.
- CAMINO MAJORCA, from Pasado Road to Del Playa Drive.
- DEL PLAYA DRIVE, from Camino Majorca to its eastern terminus.
- EL NIDO LANE, from El Embarcadero Road to Sabado Tarde Road.
- SABADO TARDE ROAD, from Camino Majorca to El Nido Lane.
- TRIGO ROAD, from Camino Majorca to its eastern terminus.
- SEVILLE ROAD, from Embarcadero Del Norte to its eastern terminus.
- SEVILLE ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to Embarcadero Del Mar.
- MADRID ROAD, from Embarcadero Del Norte to its eastern terminus.
- MADRID ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to Embarcadero Del Mar.
- PARDALL ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- CORDOBA ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- SEGOVIA ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- PICASSO ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- EL GRECO ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- CERVANTES ROAD, from Camino Pescadero to its eastern terminus.
- PICASSO ROAD, from Camino Del Sur to Camino Pescadero.
- ABREGO ROAD, from Camino Corto to Camino Pescadero.
- ESTERO ROAD, from Camino Corto to its eastern terminus.
- SUENO ROAD, from Camino Corto to Camino Pescadero.
- FORTUNA ROAD, from Camino Corto to its western terminus.

•PASADO ROAD, from Camino Majorca to Camino Pescadero.

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

☒ **X** 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 oversized vehicle restrictions, which 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 road 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 changes to oversized vehicle restrictions for 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 parking regulations and public 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.

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Acceptance Date: **September 25, 2025**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

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Department Representative

August 25, 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:

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