

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works/Engineering 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) Varies

Project No. 900900

LOCATION: On north side of Union Avenue from a point 112 feet west of the centerline of South First Street to a point 127 feet west of centerline on Gary Street

PROJECT TITLE: Removal of Disabled Parking Zone.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Removal of a handicap parking stall in front of a townhouse on the north side of Union Avenue between Pacific Street and Gray Street. Public Works received a request from the property owner to have the handicap parking stall removed because the disabled resident who used it moved away. Based on County investigation the Traffic Section has determined that the handicap parking stall is not being utilized and should be removed.

EXEMPT STATUS:(Check One)

- \_\_\_ Ministerial
\_\_\_ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption
\_\_\_ 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: The project is a safety improvement and therefore is contemplated by the CEQA exemption under section 15301. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Parking restrictions are either established or rescinded based on safety, necessity and how it relates to the use by the community as a whole. The project is public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

Morgan M. Jones Department/Division Representative June 29, 2010 Date

NOTE: A copy 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.