

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) ROW Project No. N/A

LOCATION: Isla Vista Area of the Third Supervisorial District.

PROJECT TITLE: Road Closures and Reconfiguration in Isla Vista during Halloween

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: A resolution, delegating to the Public Works Director, as County Road Commissioner, and his designees, the authority to order the temporary restriction of parking, and closing or reconfiguration of roads as needed to assist the County Sheriff and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in maintaining control of traffic and pedestrians for public safety within the Isla Vista community during Halloween activities for the week preceding and the week following Halloween.

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 {15304}
☐ Emergency Project
☐ Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15304: Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees...

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project is for a resolution to implement the temporary closure and reconfiguration of travel ways to better control public streets to provide for the safety and welfare of the public. Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project does not occur on land with a slope of more than ten percent. The project is not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. There are no unusual circumstances which

would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, this 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 15304 is a Class 4 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply as this area is not in a mapped environmentally sensitive habitat area or in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard or officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area.

- (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 temporary road closures for vehicle and pedestrian safety, there are no other projects proposed in the area, thus 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 does not involve and is not located in any wetland or an officially designated environmentally sensitive habitat area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect on the environment. 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. Therefore, this exception does not apply

- (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.

The project area was searched for hazardous material cleanup sites and permitted facilities using the ENVIRSTOR database. There are no hazardous wastes site or permitted facilities are located in the area. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

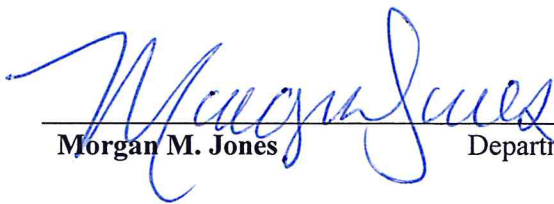
- (f) **Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

The roadway involved is not identified as a historical resource. The project areas was studied and it was determined there are no cultural or historical resources in the project area. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Acceptance Date: **October 15, 2013**



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Department Representative

October 3, 2013

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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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