

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

LOCATION:

PROJECT TITLE: No Parking Zone on El Colegio Road and Camino Corto in the Third Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department proposes to lengthen the Class 2 bike lanes from the recently-completed El Colegio Road widening projects west to Storke Road. To do this, parking restrictions are needed along the north side of El Colegio Road. To offset the loss of parking spaces on El Colegio Road, Public Works is also proposing adjustments to Camino Corto to maintain the existing travel lanes and bike lanes, adding parking to the west side of the roadway. This will result in a net increase of seven parking spaces available for the public parking in the area.

EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

- ___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
___ 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support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): Parking restrictions are either established or rescinded based on safety, necessity and the affect on the community as a whole. The Public Works Department weighs all of these factors and presents any recommended changes to the Board of Supervisors for approval. These parking restrictions may include no parking, time limited parking, loading zones, vehicle height restricted parking, angle parking, handicapped parking or any combination of these restrictions Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

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June 3, 2011
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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