

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation Division
(Lead Department/Division)

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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): NA.

LOCATION: North Santa Barbara County, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

PROJECT TITLE: Cooperative Agreement and Construction of Measure A North County Safe Routes to School and Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects; Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This item is on the agenda to approve a cooperative agreement with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to receive Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funding for Cycle 4 of the Programs. The projects to be funded with this action are Orcutt School Crossings Safety Improvements (Capital Project) and Safe Route to School in North County (Education and Awareness Programs).

Measure A grants from this program are awarded on a competitive basis. The County successfully applied for \$184,000 in funding to promote safety and connectivity projects in North County. In addition, the County co-sponsored a successful \$140,000 grant application for education and safety training programs throughout North County with the nonprofit MOVE Santa Barbara County.

SBCAG administers the Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle & Programs. Cycle 4 of the program spans Fiscal Years 24-25 through 27-28 with \$664,519 in total funding available. This program funds a variety of projects to fill gaps in the regional bicycle/pedestrian network, rehabilitate important infrastructure on the existing network, facilitate bicycle usage, and increase the safety of children walking and riding bikes to school.

The Measure A Investment Plan requires grant award recipients (Sponsors) to execute a Cooperative Agreement with SBCAG (Authority), and all funding recommendations are contingent on an executed agreement. The SBCAG Board approved the recommended list of projects to be funded through Cycle 4 on May 16th, 2024.

Projects to be funded with this action:

Orcutt School Crossings Safety Improvements (Capital Project)

This proposed project will install Leading Pedestrian Interval (LPI) timing signals and audible push buttons at 4 crosswalks at 4 signalized intersections that serve a total of 13 schools, with around 7,000 students, in Orcutt. This project is designed to increase pedestrian comfort and safety which may in turn encourage more walking to school in Orcutt.

LPI signals allow pedestrians to enter the crosswalk 3 to 7 seconds before motor vehicles on the street parallel to the crosswalk are given a green light. By giving pedestrians advance and extra time to enter an intersection, the visibility of those in the crosswalk is improved. In order to add LPI timing, this grant funds the installation of 4 traffic controllers, 24 audible pedestrian push buttons, and staff time for programming and installation.

These 4 intersections were prioritized based on proximity to schools, traffic volumes, and collision history:

- Bradley Rd/Foster Rd
- Bradley Rd/Clark Rd
- Bradley Rd / Rice Ranch Rd
- Clark Ave / Orcutt Rd

The grant includes an 18 percent local match. If approved by your Board, the Department will provide \$40,840 in General Fund – Road Funds to meet the local match requirements.

Safe Route to School in North County (Education and Awareness Programs)

The County co-sponsored this education program provided by MOVE Santa Barbara County. With this funding, MOVE Santa Barbara County will deliver Safe Routes to School programming to 34 public schools in cities and unincorporated areas in the Santa Maria Valley, Lompoc Valley, and Santa Ynez Valley with an anticipated impact of reaching 21,610 students.

All \$140,000 in awarded funding will go directly to MOVE Santa Barbara County to administer this program.

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: Class 1, consisting 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 existing or former use for (c) existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project involves entering into a cooperative agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to receive Measure A North County Safe Routes to School, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funding for Cycle 4 of the Programs. The projects to be funded with this action are Orcutt School Crossings Safety Improvements (Capital Project) and Safe Route to School in North County (Education and Awareness Programs). Awarded projects entail minor alterations to existing facilities in order to improve pedestrian safety at schools.

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 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 the reconfiguration of public parking stalls in existing public road. There are no other projects proposed in the same 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. Therefore, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect on the environment and 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, rock outcropping or similar resources. 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.

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

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064.

Department/Division Representative: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator.

Acceptance Date: **July 9, 2024**

<u>Kalani Durham</u>		<u>June 13, 2024</u>
Kalani Durham	Department Representative	Date

NOTE: 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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County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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Signatures

Signed By	Approval Level	Department/Agency-Fund Group	Signed On	Valid
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PROJECT TITLE		

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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	0.00

☒ Exempt from fee

☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)

☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

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TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE

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Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk