

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.** 862331

LOCATION: 105 E. Anapamu Street, Suite 407 Santa Barbara, CA 93101

PROJECT TITLE: Resolution to Appoint the Director of Public Works as the County Director of Transportation, and Authorize Agreements for Clark Avenue/U.S. 101 Intersection Improvements.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Appoint the Director of Public Works as the County Director of Transportation and Authorize Public Works to enter into agreements with Caltrans for oversight and design support for the Clark Avenue at U.S. 101 interchange improvements. This resolution and the recommended action would appoint the Public Works Director as the County Director of Transportation, and allow him or her to sign these agreements for the various phases of work required to design and construct projects on the State Highway System.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: Section 15378 project means the whole of an action, which has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change, and that is any of the following: (b), Project does not include: (2) Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personal-related actions, general policy and procedure making...

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency authorized to adopt resolutions and interagency agreements. The agreements are not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval.

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Acceptance Date: **December 11, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for



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November 28, 2012

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 statute of limitations on legal challenges.

Distribution:

Date filed with Planning & Development

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