

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

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: State of California 2011/12 Exchange and State Match Program, Agreement for the Exchange of Federal Highway Dollars.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Approve and authorize the Chair to execute an agreement with the State of California, Department of Transportation, for the exchange of Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars, for Fiscal Year 2011/12 apportionments in the amount of \$558,115. Authorize Staff to disperse these Local Surface Transportation Program (LSTP) funds to the City of Buellton, the City of Guadalupe and the City of Solvang, in the amounts identified for FY 2011/12 in the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- X 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 to transfer funds for transportation projects in all Supervisorial Districts. The County of Santa Barbara has the opportunity to exchange Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars through an agreement between the State and the County. This exchange gives the County the flexibility to use these funds for a wide range of transportation projects. The Federal mandates associated with Federal funds are not applicable to funds converted to State Highway Account dollars; therefore, these funds can be used without Federal restrictions. The re-allocation of funding is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the activity which is being approved and which

