

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): County owned Right of Way **Project No.:** N/A

LOCATION: First, Second, Third, and Fourth Supervisorial District

PROJECT TITLE: Pavement Preservation and Preventive Maintenance; County Project No. 820810; First, Second, Third, and Fourth Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025–2026 Pavement Preservation and Preventive Maintenance Project (County Project No. 820810) consists of pavement preservation and preventive maintenance treatments on approximately 40 lane miles of existing County-maintained roadways located throughout the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Supervisorial Districts. The project includes the application of Cape Seal, Micro-surfacing, and Fog Seal surface treatments to roads identified as suitable candidates for preventive maintenance based on pavement condition assessments, maintenance yard observations, public input, and County feedback.

Prior to treatment application, localized pavement failures such as potholes and distressed pavement areas will be repaired. Traffic control measures will be implemented as needed during construction, with anticipated delays of less than 10 minutes. Construction is scheduled to occur between August and October 2026.

The project is part of the County’s FY 2025–2026 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP) and is intended to preserve and extend the service life of existing roadways by approximately 5 to 10 years, thereby reducing future rehabilitation and reconstruction needs.

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
- Categorical Exemption {15301(c)}
- Emergency Project

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – Class 1 consists 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are 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).

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project involves activities related to the repair and maintenance of existing public roads and street facilities. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe working condition of the roadway facilities as they were constructed. Further, 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 15301 is a Class 1 exemption; therefore, this exception does not apply.

(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 repair and maintenance of existing facilities to improve public safety. In addition, there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. Therefore, 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 involves routine repairs to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public. The projects will occur at specific locations where there are no sensitive resources located. 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 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 waste sites or permitted facilities located on public roads. 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 roadways involved are not identified as a historical resource. In addition, changes in roadway parking regulations would not involve any structural modifications to existing facilities. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator

Acceptance Date: **July 14, 2026**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

Kalani Durham

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Department Representative

6/18/2026

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted 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 by County Clerk: _____.



2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

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Complete this form when filing a Notice of Determination (Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report) or Notice of Exemption.

A scanned copy of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Receipt, Transmittal Memorandum and the CEQA filing, including the date/time of posting will be emailed to the Lead Agency and Project Applicant. If you would like a return copy, please submit an extra copy along with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

Contact Person		Phone	
Lead Agency		Lead Agency Email	
Project Title			
Project Applicant	Email	Phone	
Project Applicant Address	City	State	Zip

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2026 Filing Fee\$4,227.50
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

Environmental Filing Fees will be collected **only** for projects that are approved. The Applicant must attest to the following:

- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2026 Filing Fee \$3,043.75
 - Previously Paid (**must attach receipt**) \$0.00
 - No Effect Determination (**must be attached**)..... \$0.00

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- This project has been approved. Date of Approval:

- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

- County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**)\$50.00

TOTAL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

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- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



Business Process Record Journal: JE-1085498 on 06/01/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

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Details and Process

For JE-1085498 - County of Santa Barbara California - 06/01/2026 - Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-07-14 Pvement Preservation and Preventive Maint. 820810
Overall Process Journal: JE-1085498 on 06/01/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH
Overall Status In Progress
Due Date 06/25/2026

Details Process

Journal Entry View

Journal Journal Number JE-1085498 Status In Progress Event in Progress Accounting Journal

Journal Entry Information

Originated by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH
Accounting Date 06/01/2026
Currency USD
Period Jun-FY 2025-26 Actuals (County of Santa Barbara California)
Ledger County of Santa Barbara California : Actuals
Journal Source Manual Journal
Balancing Fund FD-0015 Roads-Operations
Book Code (empty)

Journal Entry Details

Memo Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-07-14 Pvement Preservation and Preventive Maint. 820810
External Reference ID (empty)
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversal No
Balanced Yes
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Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines 4 items

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County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury	50.00	0.00	Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-07-14 Pvment Preservation and Preventive Maint. 820810	06/01/2026		PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board	CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General
County of Santa Barbara California	1000:Cash in Treasury	0.00	50.00	Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-07-14 Pvment Preservation and Preventive Maint. 820810	06/01/2026		PG-0542110 Management Support	CC-54210 Public Works-Roads	FD-0015 Roads-Operations
County of Santa Barbara California	6300:Charges for Services	0.00	50.00	Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-07-14 Pvment Preservation and Preventive Maint. 820810	06/01/2026	RC-5746 Administrative Revenue	PG-0124020 Clerk of the Board	CC-12000 County Executive	FD-0001 General

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Attachments

2026 CEQA Transmittal Memorandum_Pavement Preservation and Preventive Maintenance 820810.pdf
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Notice of Exemption Pavement Preservation Program FY25-26.pdf
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