

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): Right of Way **Project No.:** 820812S

LOCATION: First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: South and Central County Pavement Rehabilitation for Fiscal Year 2026-2027

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This item is on the agenda to award the construction contract for the South and Central County Pavement Rehabilitation project (County Project No. 820812S). On April 27, 2026, three (3) bids were opened for the project. Granite Construction submitted the lowest responsible bid of \$4,727,838.00, which is 7.8% below the Engineer's Estimate. The second lowest bid was 6.8% below the Engineer's Estimate.

Construction of this project will complete part of the Capital Maintenance listed in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP). The project locations are in the First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts and include rehabilitation of approximately 14.5 lane miles of pavement.

The project will address roads in the County's maintained road system that are deteriorating in the southern and central County area. Roads were identified considering pavement conditions tracked by the Pavement Management System, Road Maintenance Yards observations, public requests, and County elected officials' feedback. The selected roads were identified to be suitable candidates for rehabilitation treatment.

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
 - Declared Emergency

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 the proposed project entails the repair and maintenance of existing public road infrastructure. It is intended to preserve the safe operating condition of these facilities and allow for necessary traffic or hardscape improvements. There are no unusual circumstances that would suggest the potential for a significant environmental impact. As such, the project qualifies for a categorical exemption under 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 for 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 maintenance of existing public road facilities. 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 wastes site locations in the roadway right of way. 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.**

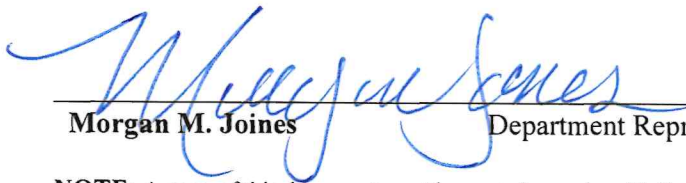
The maintenance locations involved are not identified as a historical resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Department/Division Representative: Morgan M. Jones Engineering Environmental Regulatory Compliance Manager III.

Acceptance Date: **June 9, 2026**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

May 18, 2026

Date

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted 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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- 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

- Cash Credit Check # _____ Journal Entry # _____
- In person only Ensure Workday status reflects "Posted" prior to filing



Business Process Record Journal: JE-1082498 on 05/01/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

Up Next

Check Budget (Financial) for Accounting Journal - Batch/Job: Run Budget Check

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Create Journal

Details and Process

For JE-1082498 - County of Santa Barbara California - 05/01/2026 - Processing fee-Notice of Exemp BL 2026-06-09South and Central Co Pavement Rehab 820812S

Overall Process Journal: JE-1082498 on 05/01/2026 for \$100.00 by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

Overall Status In Progress

Due Date 05/22/2026

Details Process

Journal Entry View

Journal Journal Number JE-1082498 Status In Progress Event in Progress Accounting Journal

Journal Entry Information

Originated by LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH
Accounting Date 05/01/2026
Currency USD
Period May-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 2026-06-09South and Central Co Pavement Rehab 820812S
External Reference ID (empty)
Adjustment Journal No
Create Reversal No
Balanced Yes
Total As-Entered Ledger Debits 100.00
Total As-Entered Ledger Credits 100.00

As Entered

Journal Entry Lines 4 items

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Status	Entered On	Workday Account
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In Progress	05/20/2026 12:02:52.314 PM	lorilyn@countyofsb.org / LORI GRIFFIN-LYNCH

Attachments

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[Board Contract Summary 820812S.pdf](#)
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