

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
CLERK OF THE
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) Right of Way. Project No. 862419

LOCATION: North Padaro Lane, an unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County

PROJECT TITLE: Coastal Access Enhancement Sidewalk Infill, County Project No. 862419 in the First Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Santa Barbara County Public Works Department with funding from the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) proposes new infill sidewalk construction along North Padaro Lane in Summerland. The proposed concrete sidewalk is 5-feet wide and the anticipated length of sidewalk is approximately 650 linear feet. The path will cross North Padaro Lane into the Loon Point Beach parking area. Proposed traffic safety measures include pedestrian hybrid beacons, signage, and crosswalk striping. The proposed project will provide a new sidewalk for enhanced coastal access and a continuous path leading into the Loon Point Beach trailhead. The new section of sidewalk will create a buffer for pedestrians behind the existing guardrail on the sidewalk from vehicles. No trees will be removed. This exemption considers all further administrative activities for this project such as the Statement of Final Quantities.

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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, this proposed project involves an activity directly related to the repair and maintenance activities within an existing road facility. The project allows for a public safety activities designed to maintain highway safety. The project also aims to improve pedestrian travel-way facilities for coastal access. The sidewalk construction will occur in previously disturbed right of way along Padaro lane and within a previously studied and approved APE mapped area for a federally funded bridge repair project. 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 a new sidewalk to improve public safety and coastal access. 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 the routine infill of pedestrian facilities for improving coastal access and the safety of the traveling public. The project will occur where no sensitive resources are 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, no removal of trees in the public right of way, rock outcropping or similar resource. 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 residential 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 roadway involved is not identified as a historical resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Acceptance Date: **July 10, 2019**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

Department Representative

July 10, 2019

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.

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CEQA Transmittal Memorandum

County of Santa Barbara - Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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

You will need to submit one original for posting plus one copy for the Department of Fish & Wildlife. A scanned copy 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.

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Project Title Coastal Access Enhancement Sidewalk Infill, County Project # 862419			
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Project Applicant Address 123 E. Anapamu St.	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
 - 2018 Filing Fee\$3,168.00
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- Notice of Exemption \$0.00

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