

# 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) ROW                      Project No. 830358**

**LOCATION:** Marcum St, Orcutt, CA.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Marcum Street Parking- Community of Orcutt, 4th Supervisorial District  
County Project No. 830358.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project involves improving parking conditions on Marcum Street – along Clark Avenue and portions of Broadway – to meet the increased demand for parking in Old Town. Th project will reconfigure an additional 83 parking stalls to serve nearby businesses and community events. Marcum Street currently serves as access for two parcels. Parking Improvement Plans are shown in Attachment A.

The project will not affect access to those parcels and the road will continue to function as it currently does. Marcum Street is also the site for Old Town Orcutt’s Farmer’s Market that happens on the third Wednesday of the month during the summer and fall seasons. The parking project will be designed to include the flexibility to continue the farmers market events as currently planned.

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
- X** Categorical Exemption {15301 (c)}
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

**Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section:** 15301: Class 1, consisting 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 existing or former use for (c) existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The project involves minor grading, paving, retaining wall, bioswale, striping, ADA stalls and wheel stops for the construction of the parking stalls reconfiguration. Consistent with this exemption, this proposed project does not occur on land with a slope of more than ten percent. The project is not located in any wetland or an officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area, or in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard. The proposed bike path is in a location where there would be no changes in street capacity significantly affecting the level of service.

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 as this area is not in a mapped environmentally sensitive habitat area or in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard or officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area.

- (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 reconfiguration of public parking stalls in existing public road. There are no other projects proposed in the same area, thus 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 does not involve and is not located in any wetland or an officially designated environmentally sensitive habitat area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. Therefore, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a

possibility that there would be a significant effect on the environment and 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, 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 or permitted facilities are located in the area. 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 site involved is not identified as a historical resource. The project area was reviewed and it was determined there are no cultural or historical resources in the project area. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

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Acceptance Date: **July 16, 2024**

Kalani Durham June 13, 2024  
Kalani Durham Department Representative Date

**NOTE:** 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 statue of limitations on legal challenges.

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