

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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Requests and Referrals from Outside Agencies

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department requests the Board of Supervisors receive the report regarding requests and referrals from outside agencies for Public Works to perform work beyond the County's purview and maintained transportation system. Public Works is seeking guidance regarding the Board's expectations of County staff in this arena given the departments existing limited resources and diminished State Gas Taxes.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Section 15378(b)(2)]

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 direct and maintain financial resources needed for Public Works transportation functions. The receiving of the report regarding requests and referrals from outside agencies for Public Works to perform work beyond the County’s purview and maintained transportation system is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the general policy making activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The term project does not mean each separate governmental approval. Further, receiving the report will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **September 22, 2015**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

Morgan M. Jones September 10, 2015
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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