

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: Senate Bill 1 Baseline Funding Agreement, First Supervisorial District

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department requests the Board of Supervisors approve and authorize the Public Works Director to execute a Baseline Funding Agreement. With minor modifications and County Counsel concurrence, with SBCAG, Caltrans, and the California Transportation Commission to receive funds awarded for the implementation of the Highway 101 Multimodal Corridor project from Cycle 1 of the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. This request is to enter into a Project Baseline Agreement (Agreement) that will allow the County, SBCAG, and Caltrans to receive State SB-1 grant funding for 101HOV and related projects. The region was recently awarded over \$180M in SB-1 grant funding for construction of these projects. Of that, \$19.59 million is for County projects.

To receive SB-1 funding, the County must be part of the Agreement to receive the funds. This requirement is part of the California Transportation Commission's (CTC) Accountability and Transportation Guidelines, which define reporting for cost and schedule adherence among other requirements to maintain a high level of accountability for these funding programs.

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 enter into an agreement that will allow the County, SBCAG, and Caltrans to receive State SB-1 grant funding for 101HOV and related projects. The agreement will not create any unusual circumstances that would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Chris Sneddon, Deputy Director Public Works Transportation/Engineering Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

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Acceptance Date: **August 14, 2018**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

July 23, 2018

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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