

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

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 NUMBER:** Various

LOCATION: All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2026-2027; All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This item is on the Board agenda to fulfill requirements for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funding as provided by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1) by adopting a list of proposed projects.

Pursuant to Section 2034 of the Streets and Highways Code (SHC), each year, the County must submit a list of proposed RMRA-funded projects to the California Transportation Commission to be eligible for RMRA fund apportionment. The list of projects must be adopted by Board resolution, and must include:

- A description and the location of each proposed project;
- A proposed schedule for the project’s completion; and
- Estimated useful life of the improvement.

The County’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 proposed project list is included as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution (Attachment A). This list assumes an estimated \$11.3M in RMRA apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance in FY 2026-2027 (based on an estimate provided by the California State Association of Counties in January 2026) and includes planned work to be completed with General Fund and other road maintenance funding.

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 activities related to the repair and maintenance activities for public highway and street facilities. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe working condition of the roadway facilities as they were constructed. 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 essential road maintenance and rehabilitation existing facilities to improve public safety, access and mobility options for the traveling public. 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 existing road maintenance and rehabilitation to improve safety, access and mobility for the traveling public. 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 result in damage to scenic resources, as existing trees will be protected where feasible, with only limited maintenance trimming and removal of trees that have damaged infrastructure (e.g., uplifted concrete), and no impacts to rock outcroppings 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.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mostafa Estaji, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064.

Department/Division Representative: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator.

Acceptance Date: **April 21, 2026**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

Kalani Durham

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Department Representative

March 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.

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4-27-2026



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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 Emily Ferguson		Phone (805) 568-3064	
Lead Agency Public Works Department - Division of Transportation		Lead Agency Email ekferguson@countyofsb.org	
Project Title 2026-27 RMRA Project List Adoption			
Project Applicant Erik Adelman	Email eadelman@countyofsb.org	Phone (805) 568-3060	
Project Applicant Address 123 E. Anapamu St.	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93111

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
- 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 Exemption.....\$0.00

County Administrative Handling Fee (**required for all filings, effective 7/19/18**)\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

PAYMENT METHOD: ALL APPLICABLE FEES MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME OF FILING

- Cash
- Credit
In person only
- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # **JE-1078985**
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 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Public Works Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL ekferguson@countyofsb.org	DATE 04/27/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 2026-27 RMRA Project List Adoption

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Erik Adelman	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL eadelman@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 568-3060
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 E. Anapamu St	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93111

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,227.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$3,043.75	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,437.25	\$	0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
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SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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