

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

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

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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. N/A**

**LOCATION:** South County: First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts.

**PROJECT TITLE:** South County Pavement Rehabilitation for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; County Project No. 820790S; First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Construction of these projects will complete half of the Capital Maintenance listed in the FY 23-24 Road Maintenance Annual Plan (RdMAP). The project locations are in three districts in the south county and includes rehabilitation of approximately 3.52 lane miles of pavement in the First, Second, and Third Supervisorial Districts. Specific locations are included on the attached vicinity maps (Attachment B) and street list (Attachment C). Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2024 and completed by July 2024. The contract for the North County RdMAP projects will be awarded in the coming months.

Traffic control will be provided as necessary and delays are anticipated to be less than 10 minutes. Public Works will notify emergency response services and will use construction area signs to notify the traveling public.

The pavement rehabilitation portion of this project includes cold planing, stress absorbing membrane interlayer, and overlay treatments. Cold planing involves grinding off the top layer where the majority of cracking occurs. Where severe cracking is observed, the crack growth rate is significantly mitigated by adding a stress absorbing membrane interlayer between the existing surface and the new overlay. These rehabilitative treatments are some of the main strategies the Department employs in its Pavement Preservation Program.

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 the repair and maintenance of existing facilities to improve public safety. 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 a routine repair projects to maintain safe roadways 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 a project which may result in damage to a scenic resource, removal of trees, 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 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 and repair locations involved are not identified as a historical resource. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Mostafa Estaji, Interim Deputy Director, Transportation, Phone: 568-3064.

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

Acceptance Date: **May 7, 2024**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

<u>Kalani Durham</u>		<u>April 15, 2024</u>
Kalani Durham	Department Representative	Date

**NOTE:** A copy of this document must be posted 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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# 2023 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.

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Lead Agency <b>Dept. of Public Works, Transportation</b>		Lead Agency Email <b>yluna@countyofsb.org</b>	
Project Title <b>820790S South County Pavement Rehabilitation</b>			
Project Applicant <b>Esmeralda Cruz</b>		Phone <b>805-803-8775</b>	
Project Applicant Address <b>620 W. Foster Rd</b>		City <b>Santa Maria</b>	
		State <b>CA</b>	Zip <b>93455</b>

### DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR) .....
    - 2023 Filing Fee .....\$3,839.25
    - 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: Click or tap to enter a date.

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- Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00
- County Administrative Handling Fee (required for all filings, effective 7/19/18) .....\$50.00

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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PROJECT TITLE

820790S South County Pavement Rehabilitation

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Esmeralda Cruz	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL eecruz@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 803-8775
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 620 W. Foster Rd.	CITY Santa Maria	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93455

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)


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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)  | \$4,051.25 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)   | \$2,916.75 | \$ | 0.00  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW         | \$1,377.25 | \$ | 0.00  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee   |            |    |       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  |            |    |       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)                   |            |    |       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00   | \$ | 0.00  |
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