

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: Reimbursement Agreement for Development of the Icon Project as part of the El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project is for a Sidewalk Improvement Reimbursement Agreement as part of the El Embarcadero Enhancement Project – Phase 2. The Campus Icon USCSB, LLC, designed and planned to construct a portion of the El Embarcadero Project and was to be funded from redevelopment funds for a portion of the sidewalk improvements. The Sidewalk Improvement Reimbursement Agreement covers the funds those improvements.

EXEMPT STATUS : (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

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):

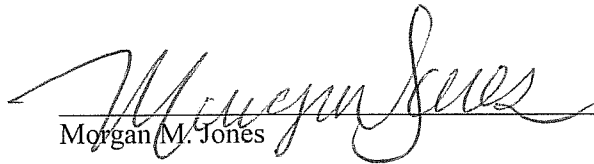
The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is the responsible agency to adopt a reimbursement agreement for a project that was previously approved under CEQA. The County of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency was eliminated as part of the state budget in 2011. Public Works Department is entering into this sidewalk agreement for improvements in front of the property and the adjacent intersection as part of the completion of the El Embarcadero Project. This agreement provides for curbs, sidewalks, tree grates, plantings and lighting undergrounding. The reimbursement agreement is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the 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, the reimbursement agreement will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **July 10, 2012**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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June 22, 2012
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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