

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: All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: State of California 2010/2011 Exchange and Match Program

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: With the approval of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) in 1991, Santa Barbara County has appropriated a sum of Federal funds annually, in an amount determined by the Federal Government. The County of Santa Barbara has the opportunity to exchange Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars through this agreement between the State and the County. The Federal mandates associated with Federal funds are not applicable to funds converted to State Highway Account dollars; therefore, these funds can be used without Federal restrictions.

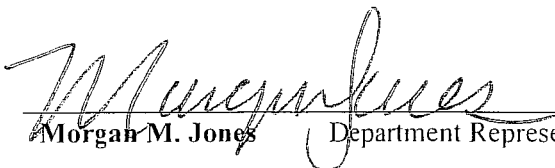
EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

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

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15378 (b) (4). A project that (b) does not include: (4) The creation of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The project allows for the funding opportunity to exchange Federal Highway dollars for Non-Federal State Highway Account dollars for fiscal year 2010/11. This exchange is desirable as it gives the County the flexibility to use these funds for a wide range of transportation projects, from local road improvements to matching funds for other State or Federally funded projects. The project allows for flexible funding mechanisms related to public safety activities needed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.


Morgan M. Jones Department Representative

June 23, 2011
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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