

# ATTACHMENT B

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Stephen Peterson, Project Manager, Comprehensive Planning Division

The project or activity identified below 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):** Not applicable

**Case No.:** 06MIS-00000-00003

**Location:** The proposed Streetscape Concept Plan would apply primarily to Clark Avenue between Hwy 135 in the east and Marcum Street in the west within Old Town Orcutt. The total length of the project area is approximately 9 ½ blocks. The Plan also addresses the potential impacts of changes to the Clark Avenue streetscape and traffic pattern on the rest of the Old Town Orcutt community.

**Project Title:** Old Town Orcutt Streetscape Concept Plan

### **Project Description:**

The Streetscape Concept Plan is a visioning document that provides potential ideas for future implementation. It does not establish an adopted formal plan for reconstruction of Clark Avenue. The Streetscape Concept Plan may or may not actually ever be implemented. Environmental review would be required with adoption of a formal, engineered street design intended for implementation.

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [§15061(b)(3)]

**Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section:** §15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies, A project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded does not require the preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration but does require consideration of environmental factors. This section does not apply to the adoption of a plan that will have a legally binding effect on later activities.

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**Reasons to support exemption findings:** Adoption of the Streetscape Concept Plan would not result in any physical changes to the existing streetscape. The plan is conceptual in nature and provides only a vision of possible improvements that may be considered in the future. No actions or concepts identified in the Streetscape Concept Plan would be implemented without thorough analysis prior to implementation. Staff analysis would involve environmental review consistent with CEQA guidelines, and depending on the scope of the project, would also require traffic studies; parking analysis; drafting of engineered plans, electrical plans, and construction plans; and review and approval by the NBAR and the Planning Commission. Therefore, no significant environmental impacts are expected to result as a consequence of adoption of the Streetscape Concept Plan.

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Department/Division Representative

Date

Acceptance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Filed by County Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D six days prior to a decision on the project. Upon project approval, this form must be filed with the County Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

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