

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

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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: Countywide: All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2024/25; All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is to complete requirements by the State for adopting a list of projects funded by the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) as provided by Senate Bill 1. Pursuant to Streets and Highways Code (SHC) 2034(a) (1), the list of projects must include: a description and the location of each proposed project; a proposed schedule for the project’s completion; and the estimated useful life of the improvement.

The County’s proposed project list is included as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution (Attachment A). This list assumes an estimated \$10.2M in RMRA apportioned to the County for deferred maintenance in FY 24-25, and also includes work planned for General Funds and other road maintenance funding. The State provided this estimate in early 2024.

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, Deputy Director, Public Works-Transportation Division, Phone: (805) 568-3064

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

Acceptance Date: **April 23, 2024**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

Kalani Durham Department Representative April 3, 2024
Kalani Durham 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.			
Contact Person Yanette Luna		Phone 805-568-3094	
Lead Agency Dept. of Public Works, Transportation		Lead Agency Email yluna@countyofsb.org	
Project Title State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2024-2025			
Project Applicant Esmeralda Cruz	Email eecruz@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-803-8775	
Project Applicant Address 620 W. Foster Rd.	City Santa Maria	State CA	Zip 93455

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.

- Notice of Determination - Negative Declaration (ND) or Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).....
 - 2023 Filing Fee \$2,764.00
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Notice of Exemption.....\$0.00

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

TOTAL: \$ 0.00

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

- Cash
- Credit
In person only
- Check # _____
- Journal Entry # 0263510
In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

Journal Entry

Document Number: JE - 0263510
 Document Description: Processfee-Notice of Exemp-Project List Adoption
 Post On: 4/23/2024
 Batch ID: 2891670
 Created On: 4/4/2024 11:22:47 AM
 Processed On:
 Created By: Lori Griffin-Lynch
 Processed By:

References

Audit Trail: 04/23/2024 Cash Type: I - Interfund

Accounting

Fund	Dept	GL Acct	LI Acct	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Prog	QUnit	Proj	Act	Area	Equip	Depositor	Description
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0015		0110			50.00								PROCESSING FEE FOR Notice of Exemption
0001		0110		50.00									PROCESSING FEE FOR Notice of Exemption
0001		2710	5746		50.00	4020							PROCESSING FEE FOR Notice of Exemption
				Total	100.00								
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Signatures

Signed By: Lori Griffin-Lynch
 Approval Level: 054-Public Works
 Department/Agency-Fund Group: 054-Public Works
 Signed On: 4/4/2024 11:33:58 AM
 Valid: Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

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LEAD AGENCY Department of Public Works, Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL yluna@countyofsb.org	DATE 04/24/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE
 State Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account List of Projects Fiscal Year 2024-2025

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:

<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
<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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

Cash Credit Check Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <i>X Katherine Douglas</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Katherine Douglas, Deputy Clerk
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