

# 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, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

**PROJECT TITLE:** Update to the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Board approved the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan (OTIP) on June 9, 1998. Since then, several projects included in the plan have been constructed and others have different scopes or cost estimates. Some Key sites have been developed or modified, necessitating revision of the projected trips to be generated under the OTIP for the ten-year horizon. This action would update the OTIP to reflect current needs, projections, and costs.

**EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)**

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [15301(c)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]
- Not a Project [Section 15378(b)(2)]

**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 authorize the update of the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan. The request to approve the update of the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the general policy making 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 approval of the update to the Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Acceptance Date: **February 10, 2015**  
[Date of final action on project]

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



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Morgan M. Jones

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January 20,, 2015  
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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