

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: Purchasing Authorization for Traffic Signal and Lighting Components

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Public Works Department requests the Board of Supervisors authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive competition for procuring traffic signal and lighting equipment for maintenance, emergency repairs, and new construction projects. Traffic signals and lighting are an integral part of the County’s public transportation system that must operate properly at all times for the safety of the traveling public. The Public Works Department needs to be able to respond to traffic signal issues in a timely manner.

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 allow the County to utilize County Code Section 2-39 to authorize the purchasing agent to waive competition when there are limitations on the source of supply, necessary restriction in specifications, or other valid reasons after approval by the Board of Supervisors. Public Works requests the Board’s approval for the waiver for traffic signal lighting components and supplies, as the prices of these items historically have exceeded the amount at which the Purchasing Agent can waive bidding without additional Board approval. The waiver of bids provides the Public Works Department the ability to expedite equipment purchases from all traffic signal vendors, without the current \$25,000 limit. The Department purchases equipment from vendors in California and nationally. There are no local vendors of these products. 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 request to adopt a Resolution will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

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Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting



Morgan M. Jones

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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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