

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.:** 863035

LOCATION: 105 East Anapamu Street, 4th Floor Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

PROJECT TITLE: Environmental Impact Report Preparation Contract for Hollister Ave.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara Department of Public Works requests the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute an Agreement for Services with Rincon Consultants, Inc. to complete an Environmental Impact Report for the Hollister Avenue-State Street Improvement Project for a base contract amount of \$181,220, with a 10 percent contingency of \$18,122, for a total project authorization of \$199,342. The period of the Agreement would be from January 14, 2014 through December 31, 2015.

EXEMPT STATUS: (Check One)

- Ministerial
- Statutory
- Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15378(b, 2)]
- Emergency Project
- No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b, 3)]

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 approve a contract for an environmental document for a Capital Improvement Project. The approval of a contract is not a project by definition. The term project refers to the 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 contract will not create any unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect.

