

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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): NA

LOCATION: All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: Measure A Five-Year Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030; All Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This item is on the agenda to Adopt the Measure A Local Program of Projects in Santa Barbara County. The fiscal year (FY) 2025-26 Program of Projects includes a funding allocation of \$9.8 million based on a Board policy from the March 14, 2023 hearing on Transportation operations funds.

In keeping with your Board's adopted resolution supporting the maintenance of existing infrastructure as the highest priority for Measure A funding, approximately \$7.5 million dollars of Measure A funds will be allocated for corrective maintenance, maintenance of the County's urban forest, and traffic operations (Attachment E). The remainder of the funding is used for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements, safety projects, grant matches, capital projects, transit, education and outreach, and alternative transportation improvements.

Measure A funds are distributed regionally amongst local agencies through the Ordinance and Investment Plan Investment which implements needed road repair, traffic relief, and transportation safety projects in Santa Barbara County. Although roadway maintenance needs are generally tied to the number of lane miles agencies have, Measure A Local Streets and Roads funds are distributed by population under the Investment Plan. These formulas can only be changed by the Santa Barbara County Association of Government (SBCAG) with a supermajority. Distribution requirements of the Measure A Ordinance and Investment Plan also include additional constraints for the County:

- 1) Funds are distributed separately between north and south County based on formulas in the investment plan. These funds must be spent in their respective areas of the County.
- 2) Approximately 11% is taken off the top of the south County portion and goes directly to MTD for transit.
- 3) 10% of Measure A funding is spent on Alternative Transportation in both the north and south County.

Attachment E shows the funding breakdown for the Measure A Program of Projects for FY 2025-2026 through FY 2029-2030. This Program of Projects is revised annually based on revenue projections.

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: Class 1, consisting 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 existing or former use for (c) existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities.

Reasons to support exemption findings: The project involves entering into a cooperative agreement with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) to receive Measure A Local Program of Projects in Santa Barbara County. This funding allocation of \$9.8 million based on a Board policy from the March 14, 2023 hearing on Transportation operations funds. Approximately \$7.5 million dollars of Measure A funds will support maintenance of existing infrastructure and be allocated for corrective maintenance, maintenance of the County's urban forest, and traffic operations.

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 as this area is not in a mapped environmentally sensitive habitat area or in an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard or officially designated (by federal, state, or local government action) scenic area.

- (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 reconfiguration of public parking stalls in existing public road. There are no other projects proposed in the same area, thus 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 does not involve and is not located in any wetland or an officially designated environmentally sensitive habitat area, or in officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard. Therefore, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect on the environment and 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, rock outcropping or similar resources. 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 waste sites or permitted facilities located in the area. 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 site involved is not identified as a historical resource. The project area was reviewed and it was determined there are no cultural or historical resources in the project area. 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, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator.

Acceptance Date: **March 18, 2025**

Kalani Durham

3/6/2025

Kalani Durham

Department Representative

Date

NOTE: 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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2025 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.

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Lead Agency Dept. of Public Works - Transportation	Lead Agency Email akruzel@countyofsb.org		
Project Title Measure A Five-Year Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030			
Project Applicant Esmeralda Cruz	Email eecruz@countyofsb.org	Phone 805-803-8775	
Project Applicant Address 123 E Anapamu	City Santa Barbara	State CA	Zip 93101

DOCUMENT BEING FILED:

- ☐ Notice of Determination - Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
☐ 2025 Filing Fee \$4,123.50
☐ 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)
☐ 2025 Filing Fee \$2,968.75
☐ Previously Paid (must attach receipt) \$0.00
☐ No Effect Determination (must be attached) \$0.00
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☐ Notice of Exemption \$0.00

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

TOTAL: \$ 50.00

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

- ☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Journal Entry # **0278499**
In person only In FIN send to 'COB CEQA' in CEO Dept

Journal Entry

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References

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Accounting

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Signatures

Signed By: Lori Griffin-Lynch
Approval Level: Department/Agency-Fund Group
Signed On: 2/24/2025 11:13:13 AM
Valid: Y



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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CASH RECEIPT
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Santa Barbara County Dept. of Public Works - Transportation	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL akruzel@countyofsb.org	DATE 03/19/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Santa Barbara		DOCUMENT NUMBER

PROJECT TITLE

Measure A Five-Year Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025-2026 through 2029-2030

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Esmeralda Cruz	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL eecruz@countyofsb.org	PHONE NUMBER (805) 803-8775
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 123 E Anapamu	CITY Santa Barbara	STATE CA
	ZIP CODE 93101	

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)	\$4,123.50	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,968.75	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,401.75	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)		
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)		

<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

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AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

Sarah Mayer, Deputy Clerk