

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): Varies Case No.: N/A

LOCATION: First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT TITLE: Stop Controls at various locations

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The scope of the project will address various intersections located within the County for safety and sight distance concerns as well as to assign proper rights-of-way that will ensure the safety of the public at various intersections located in the County of Santa Barbara. The County Traffic Transportation Section has determined that installation of stop controls on the minor approaches to various intersections are warranted. Stop controls that have been established are based on safety and sight distance restrictions.

EXEMPT STATUS :(Check One)

- ___ Ministerial
___ Statutory
[X] Categorical Exemption [Sec. 15301]
___ Emergency Project
___ No Possibility of Significant Effect [Sec. 15061(b,3)]

Cite specific CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – "...consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but 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), except where the activity will involve removal of a scenic resource including a stand of trees, a rock outcropping, or an historic building.

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary):

The California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices provides that installation of stop controls on the minor approaches to an intersection are warranted if engineering judgment indicates a need to establish proper right of way by such installation. Further, there are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. The project allows for a public safety activity designed to maintain a safe traveling condition of the highway facility as it was constructed.

Morgan M. Jones (handwritten signature)

February 18, 2011

Morgan M. Jones Department Representative

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.

Distribution: Date filed with Planning & Development

Date filed with Clerk of Board