

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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FROM: Department of Public Works/Transportation 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): County owned Right of Way **Project No.:** N/A

LOCATION: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial District

PROJECT TITLE: Edgeline Striping, State-Aid Project No. HSIPSL-5951(188), County Project No. 820824, in the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Supervisorial Districts

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Install 6" traffic stripe of both sides of the road for public safety improvements. State-funded project locations include the following:

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3:

- Calzada Avenue: Roblar Avenue to Oak Trail Road
- Santa Rosa Road: ~1,100' south of Avenue of Flags to 51,400' south of Avenue of Flags
- Glen Annie Road: Cathedral Oaks Road to 1.81 miles north of Cathedral Oaks Road

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4:

- Central Avenue: Union Sugar Avenue to Floradale Avenue
- Dominion Road: Foxen Canyon Road to Palmer Road
- Palmer Road: US 101 to Foxen Canyon Road
- Foxen Canyon Road: Palmer Road to Alisos Canyon Road

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5:

- Ray Road: Brown Road to State Route 166
- Brown Road: State Route 1 to ~3.35 miles west of State Route 1

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)

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_____	Statutory Exemption
<u> X </u>	Categorical Exemption {15301(c)}
_____	Emergency Project
_____	Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: 15301(c) Existing Facilities – Class 1

consists 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency’s determination. The types of “existing facilities” itemized below are not intended to be all inclusive of the types of projects which might fall within Class 1. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of an existing use. Examples include but are 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).

Reasons to support exemption findings: Consistent with this exemption, the proposed project focuses on updating stop control measures and parking restrictions. These changes are intended to address public health and safety concerns while implementing improvements. There are no unusual circumstances which would create a possibility that there would be a significant effect. Therefore, the project can be found to be categorically exempt from CEQA.

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.

- (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 new traffic stripes on existing public roads. In addition, there are no other identified projects which would contribute to cumulative impacts. Therefore, 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 proposed traffic striping on existing public roads is designed to increase public safety and improve traffic operations. Therefore, 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, removal of trees, rock outcropping, or similar resources.

- (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 on public roads. 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 roadways involved are not identified as a historical resource. In addition, changes in roadway parking regulations would not involve any structural modifications to existing facilities. Therefore, this exception does not apply.

Lead Agency Contact Person: Kalani Durham, Engineering Environmental Planner/Coordinator

Acceptance Date: **June 23, 2026**

Distribution: Hearing Support Staff for posting

<u>Kalani Durham</u>	<u>6/23/2026</u>
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Department Representative	

NOTE: A copy of this document must be posted 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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