

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County Clerk
County of Ventura
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93001

From: City of Simi Valley
2929 Tapo Canyon Road
Simi Valley, CA 93063

Project Title: FY 2026-2027 Annual Major Roads Rehabilitation Program - Sycamore Drive (Cochran Street to 118 Freeway and Avenida Simi to Sharp Road), SV 27-10

Project Location - Specific: Along Sycamore Drive, between Cochran Street to 118 Freeway and Avenida Simi to Sharp Road

Project Location - City: Simi Valley **Project Location - County:** Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The project includes maintenance work to the road section along Sycamore Drive between Cochran Street to 118 Freeway and Avenida Simi to Sharp Road within the existing City right-of-way including resurfacing of the road, replacement of existing traffic loops, replacement of water valve box, replacement of sewer manhole ring and cover, curb ramp, sidewalk and traffic striping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Simi Valley 07/17/2026
Date of Approval

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Simi Valley

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
☐ Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)];
☐ Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c)];
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number Section 15301(c), Class 1
☐ Statutory Exemption. State code number _____
☐ Common Sense Exemption [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]

Text of exemption and reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 of the State CEQA guidelines, titled "*Existing Facilities*," reads as follows:

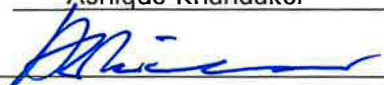
"Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead 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.

(c) Existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle, and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety)."

The project involves the maintenance of an existing public road and associated facilities and would not involve an expansion of the existing use. Therefore, the project is exempt from further review under CEQA.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Ashique Khandaker **Area Code/Telephone:** 805-583-6791

Signature:  **Date:** 07/17/2026 **Title:** Senior Engineer
Ashique Khandaker

☒ Signed by Lead Agency

☐ Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____