

ATTACHMENT A

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Harris, Planner, Planning and Development, Long Range Planning Division

The project or activity identified below 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: Not applicable **Case No.:** Not applicable

Location: Los Alamos Community Plan area, in west-central Santa Barbara County approximately halfway between the communities of Los Olivos and Orcutt, and at the junction of U.S. Highway 101 and State Route 135.

Project Title: Los Alamos Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan

Project Applicant: Not applicable

Project Description: The proposed Los Alamos Pedestrian Circulation and Parking Plan (Circulation Plan) is a community-driven effort to create concept plans for a safe transportation network connecting neighborhoods to downtown, supporting downtown revitalization and providing safer walking and bicycling routes to Olga Reed Elementary School. The Circulation Plan is an implementing component of the Los Alamos Community Plan, which provided the policy basis for the types of improvements the Circulation Plan proposes. Preparation of the Circulation Plan was funded by grants and the project is limited to preparation of concept plans only.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Santa Barbara County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Santa Barbara County

Exempt Status: (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: Guidelines Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons to support exemption findings: A statutory exemption pursuant to Section 15262 states that a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency has

not approved or funded does not required preparation of an EIR or Negative Declaration. Consistent with this exemption, the project is limited to preparation of concept plans for possible future actions which Santa Barbara County has not approved, adopted, or funded. The Circulation Plan does not have a legally binding effect on later activities. The Circulation Plan was funded by grants that limit the project to concept plans only and do not allow the preparation of design engineered plans. Therefore, the project qualifies for this exemption.

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Date: _____

Acceptance Date: _____

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