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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
105 E. ANAPAMU STREET
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93101

FROM: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION
P.O. BOX 1990
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102-1990

Project Title: Milpas Street at US Highway 101 Operational Improvements Project

Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara

PLN Number: N/A

Assessor's Parcel Number: 017-251-007, 010, 011 & 017, 017-240-024 & 025, 017-203-013 & 017-284-003

Land Use Zone: Right-of-Way (ROW)

Projection Location (Specific): The Project will reconstruct 430-feet on Milpas Street at the US Highway 101 southbound off-ramp and the southbound Highway 101 on-ramp intersection with Milpas Street and Hutash Street within the Public ROW.

Project Location: City of Santa Barbara

Project Description: The need for the Milpas Street at US Highway 101 Operational Improvements Project (Project) was identified during the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the US Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) and Widening Project (Highway 101 HOV Project). The Highway 101 HOV Project traffic analysis determined the widening project would cause delays at the Milpas Street and US 101 Highway southbound off-ramp. The purpose of the subject Project is to mitigate the traffic flow (Level of Service) impacts along this corridor caused by the completion of the Highway 101 HOV Project. The Project improvements include: traffic signal modifications and installing new traffic signals and foundations; realigning the sidewalk on the north side of Milpas Street near the intersection of Milpas Street and Hutash Street; modifying the lane layout and restriping at the Milpas Street and Hutash Street intersection; and extending the existing median south of the Highway 101 underpass to the intersection of Milpas Street and Cacique Street. The Project will require three to four street trees to be removed and replaced in-kind. Per the Highway 101 HOV Project's EIR, the Project will be constructed in advance of the Highway 101 HOV Project. The EIR did not analyze potential environmental effects of the mitigation project, therefore the City is addressing this project subsequently.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Santa Barbara

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

Lead Agency Contact: Beth Anna Cornett Telephone: (805) 564-5537

Exempt Status: Sections 15301 Existing Facilities Class I (c), 15303 New Construction (d), and 15304 – Minor Alterations to Land (a and f).

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The Project involves repair and maintenance of existing public roadway within City and CalTrans ROW. Per Office of Planning and Research, the left turn lane would not warrant an induced travel analysis as identified in OPR's SB 743 Technical Advisory (page 21). The project would not result in a substantial or measurable increase in vehicle travel. New traffic signals and lighting falls under 15303-New Construction, and minor grading, landscaping, and trenching falls under 15304 Minor Alterations to Land.



Environmental Analyst Signature:

Date: September 20, 2022