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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
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FROM: CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
PLANNING DIVISION
P.O. BOX 1990
SANTA BARBARA, CA 93102-1990

Project Title: Gibraltar Road January 2023 Storm Repair Project
Project Applicant: City of Santa Barbara
PLN Number: N/A
Assessor's Parcel Number: 021-050-028, 021-050-034, and 021-050-035
Land Use Zone: N/A
Projection Location (Specific): Project is located on Gibraltar Road between El Cielito Road and City limits
Project Location: City of Santa Barbara

Project Description:

The purpose of this emergency Project is to restore existing road facilities that were severely damaged during January 2023 Storm Events. Gibraltar Road sustained multiple large debris and rockslides from El Cielito Road to City Limits. Damage to Gibraltar Road was extensive and included three primary embankment failures on the eastern downslope side of the roadway. On Gibraltar Road, the scope will include restoration of three slip out locations and drainage repairs within the City's ROW.

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: Kaitlin Mamulski Telephone: (805) 897-2685

Exempt Status: Exempt under CEQA Section 15269 (d)

Reason Why Project is Exempt:

CEQA Guidelines Section 15269 (d) Emergency Projects. This Project meets Section 15269 Emergency Projects (d) statutory exemption, because the Project was undertaken to repair and maintain an existing road and was initiated within a year of the damage occurring from the January 2023 storm, in which a state of emergency was proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act, commencing with Section 8550 of the Government Code.

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Geology. The Project is located within an area of very high erosion potential and high landslide potential. This project is being completed in response to storm and landslide related damage to the existing roadway and will improve the current hazardous road condition. Therefore, the effect on geology is considered a beneficial impact.

High Fire Hazard Area. The Project site is located within the Extreme Foothill High Fire Hazard Area. Work in High Fire Hazard Areas will not be permitted on "Red Flag Alert" days, as required by the Santa Barbara City and County Fire Departments. All work within High Fire Hazard Areas is subject to regulation and BMPs as outlined by the Project Specifications and Contract documents. Following BMPs, the effect on fire hazard is considered less than significant.

Noise. There are residential properties within 100 feet of the Project site. To alleviate the potential for noise impacts to adjacent properties, no work will be allowed outside of the authorized working hours of 7 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Public notice will be provided to the adjacent property owners prior to construction.

In conclusion, the Project is being completed to repair major damage from January 2023 storm related rock slides, debris slides, and slip outs at Gibraltar Road. The Project is not anticipated to result in any significant impacts towards the environmental resources, therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that the Case Planner consider this Project as exempt, as defined in the CEQA review process classified under the 15269 (d) Emergency Projects Statutory Exemption of the CEQA Guidelines.



Environmental Analyst Signature:

Date: 3/13/2024