

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Cody Graybehl, Community Development Department

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 Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

**Project No.:** SP2025-0007

**Location:** Parking Structure at the corner of Miller Street and Cook Street

**Project Title:** Town Center East Parking Structure Rehabilitation

**Project Applicant:** City of Santa Maria Public Works Department

**Project Description:** The project involves concrete repairs, crack sealing, waterproofing, drain, column and post tension repairs at the Town Center East Parking Structure.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** City of Santa Maria

**Name of Person or Entity Carrying Out Project:** Manuel Guzman

**Exempt Status:**

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

**Cite specific CEQA or CEQA Guidelines Section:** This is a Class 1 (Existing Facilities) categorical exemption based on Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Reasons to support exemption findings:** The project is for repairs to an existing parking structure. The proposed project does not involve unusual circumstances, including future activities, resulting in or which might reasonably result in significant impacts which threaten the environment. No further environmental review is required. 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.**

The project is utilizing a Class 1 exemption. 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.**

No cumulative impacts would be generated as this is an existing project site being modified.

- (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.**

No unusual circumstances are present.

- (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.**

No scenic highways would be impacted by the project.

- (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.**

No hazardous waste sites are located at the project site.

- (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.**

No historical resources are located at the project site.

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**Date:** April 22, 2025

**Acceptance Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Filed by County Clerk:** \_\_\_\_\_