

Department of Motor Vehicles
Santa Maria Field Office Replacement Project
Final Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research U.S. Mail: <u>Street Address:</u> P.O. Box 3044 <u>1400 Tenth St., Rm 113</u> Sacramento, CA 95812 <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u>	From: Public Agency: <u>California Dept. of Motor Vehicles</u> Address: <u>2415 First Avenue, MS A156</u> <u>Sacramento, CA 95818</u> Contact: <u>Pat Kelly</u> Phone: <u>(916) 376-1609</u> Lead Agency: <u>California Depart. of Motor Vehicles</u> <small>(if different from above)</small> Address: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: <u>County of Santa Barbara</u> Address: <u>1100 Anacapa Street</u> <u>Santa Barbara, CA 93101</u>	

SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018101070

Project Title: Department of Motor Vehicles Santa Maria Field Office Replacement Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Motor Vehicles

Project Location (include county): Santa Maria, Santa Barbara, California

Project Description:

The proposed project will be a single-story approximately 13,700 square-foot building on an approximately 3-acre project site at 2770 Santa Maria Way at the northeast corner of Santa Maria Way and Sunrise Drive in the City of Santa Maria, California. The single story building will be approximately 35 feet high above finish floor elevation as measured at the roof's highest point. The proposed project will be constructed in a contemporary architectural style with long horizontal lines inspired by the Prairie Style of Frank Lloyd Wright. Approximately 28 percent of the parking spaces will be covered by two 20-foot tall solar arrays that will be used to provide energy to the proposed project, reduce the heat radiating from the parking lot surface, and provide shade to employee and customer vehicles. One solar array would be located on the west side of the building over the first row of parking stalls. Another would be located to the rear of the building, facing the corner of Santa Maria Way and Sunrise Drive. Parking will be provided to the north and east of the proposed DMV building and will accommodate 102 car parking spaces, including 4 accessible parking spaces, 4 electric vehicle charging spaces, and 3 alternative fuel efficient vehicle spaces. The proposed Project will also include 4 parking spaces reserved for driving tests, 8 motorcycle parking spaces, 1 semi-truck and trailer parking space, and 1 delivery truck parking space. A bicycle rack will be provided on the northwest side of the building. The drive test lane and motorcycle skills testing area will be located in the southwest corner of the project site. The proposed Project will include 7-foot high decorative security fencing around the perimeter of the project site and decorative sliding security gates at the pedestrian and vehicular entrances. Two-way vehicular access to the project site would be provided at Sunrise Avenue in the southeast corner of the project site and right-in/right-out only access at Santa Maria Way in the northwest corner of the project site. A proposed ADA accessible ramp pedestrian walkway is planned at Santa Maria Way approximately midway along the project boundary. The pedestrian walkway will lead directly to a building entrance.

Infrastructure improvements at the project site include installation of utilities (water, sewer, and power), walkways, curbs and gutters, signage, site lighting, landscaping, trash enclosures, and site drainage/stormwater collection system.

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Minimal lighting will be provided around the building and in the parking lot for safety. All exterior lighting will be LED and designed to be downward lit to minimize light spill-over. In addition, the proposed project will include a lighted monument sign incorporated into the masonry columns of the perimeter fence at the southwest corner near the entrance off Sunrise Drive. Landscaping (trees and shrubs) will be provide around the perimeter of the project site.

This is to advise that the Department of Motor Vehicles has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)


described project on _____ and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)

described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Ms. Patricia Kelly, on behalf of the Department of Motor Vehicles at the Department of General Services, 707 3rd Street, 4th Floor, MS-509, West Sacramento, California 95605

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Deputy Director, Department of Motor Vehicles

Date: 4/10/19 Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

APPROVAL OF THE DMV SANTA MARIA FIELD OFFICE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On behalf of the State of California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), I approve the proposed Santa Maria DMV Replacement Project (proposed project). DMV, as Lead Agency for the proposed project (State Clearinghouse Number 2018101070), hereby approved the proposed project based on the following findings:

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

DMV has independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the whole record before it, including the Initial Study for the proposed project, prior to approving the proposed project. The Initial Study, prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), assessed the proposed project's potential effects on the environment and the significance of these effects. Based on the whole record before it, DMV has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project would result in significant effects on agriculture and forestry resources, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, and transportation/traffic. Based on the whole record before it, DMV has determined that, with mitigation, there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project would result in significant effects on aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and noise.


The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) was circulated to the public and to responsible public agencies for a public review period of 36 days starting on October 30th, 2018 and ending on December 5, 2018. Six letters commenting on the Draft IS/MND were received during the public review period. These letters and a response to the letters, are included in the Final IS/MND. As a result of comments received on the Draft IS/MND, minor revisions to the Draft IS/MND were required. However, no substantial revisions were required to the Draft IS/MND text that would require recirculation of the document. A substantial revision according to Section 15073.5 of the 2018 CEQA Statute Guidelines shall mean:

“(1) A new, avoidable significant effect is identified and mitigation measures or project revisions must be added in order to reduce the effect to insignificance, or

The lead agency determines that the proposed mitigation measures or project revisions will not reduce potential effects to less than significance and new measures or revisions must be required.” The Notice of Determination for this proposed project has been prepared in accordance with CEQA and is hereby approved. The record of approval documents for the proposed project will be retained and made available for public review at the State of California, Department of General Services, RESD Environmental Services Station, 707 Third Street, 4th Floor MS-509, West Sacramento, California 95605. DMV has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed project. Upon consideration of this information, and in accordance with CEQA, I hereby approve the Santa Maria DMV Field Office Replacement Project.



Robert Crockett
Deputy Director Administrative Services Division
Department of Motor Vehicles



Date

