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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE
DRAFT NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
Santa Claus Lane Beach Access and Streetscape Improvements Project
Case No. 19NGD-00000-00005**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The County of Santa Barbara (County) proposes streetscape improvements, new restrooms, landscaping, and lighting along Santa Claus Lane to improve access to the beach, provide new recreational amenities to the public, increase accessibility to all users of the project site, and improve safety along Santa Claus Lane.

PROJECT LOCATION: Santa Claus Lane is located along the south coast of Santa Barbara County, approximately 2½ miles south of the community of Summerland and approximately 1/2 mile north of the City of Carpinteria, in the Toro Canyon Plan area, First Supervisorial District. The project would occur along the entire length of the Santa Claus Lane roadway within County right of way (ROW), Caltrans ROW, Union Pacific Railroad ROW, and County owned parcels, shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 005 010 025, 005 440 002, 005 440 003.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The County Planning & Development Department (P&D) is soliciting comments on the adequacy and completeness of the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, 19NGD-00000-00005. You may comment by submitting written comments to the project planner identified below prior to the close of public comment on August 26, 2019 at 5 p.m. Due to the non-complex nature of the project, a separate environmental hearing will not be held.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FINDINGS: P&D has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 15070 of the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA. P&D's issuance of a the Mitigated Negative Declaration affirms our opinion that any potentially significant impacts associated with the proposed project may be reduced to a less than significant level with the adoption of mitigation measures. The Mitigated Negative Declaration identifies and discusses the County's environmental thresholds and potential impacts on the environment for identified subject areas, along with applicable mitigation measures, residual impacts, and monitoring requirements. If the project description changes, P&D will require a reevaluation to consider the changes. If you challenge this environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or others in written correspondence or in hearings on the proposed project.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein may be reviewed at P&D's office located at 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, and on our website at: <https://cosantabarbara.app.box.com/s/o9fp2865sykaqn98s0702plaa96xj7t5/folder/71459316316>. Draft documents are also available for review at the Carpinteria Public Library, 5141 Carpinteria Avenue, Carpinteria, CA 93013.

HOW TO COMMENT: Please provide comments to the project planner, Kyle Jordan, Telephone: (805) 884-6848, Fax: (805) 568-2030, Email: kjordan@countyofsb.org, Mail: 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, prior to the close of public comment on August 26, 2019 at 5 p.m. Please limit comments to environmental issues such as traffic, biology, noise, etc. You will receive notice of the dates of future public hearings to consider project approval or denial, which is expected to occur on September 25, 2019.