



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: April 23, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-22101.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Front Street & Washington Street Traffic Signal Modifications

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Uptown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: Work will occur along City right-of-way in and around the intersection of Front Street and Washington Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes streetscape improvements, including the removal and replacement in place of existing traffic signal poles, mast arms, signal heads, controller assemblies, pull boxes, spandrel, and traffic signs. The proposed streetscape improvements also include the installation of new Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption Equipment (EVPE), pedestrian push buttons, crosswalk striping, loop detectors, conduits, turning lane striping, and dual curb ramps. The proposed work will require removing one on-street parking space and associated parking meter, saw-cutting approximately 10 feet of the median nose, trenching to a depth of approximately 18 inches for conduit installation, and excavating to a depth of approximately 13 feet for traffic signal pole installation. All street surfaces disturbed will be repaired to match existing conditions.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Engineering & Capital Projects Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review which determined that the project meets the following categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as resurfacing streets to restore them to a previous condition, the removal of existing

parking meters and spaces, and saw-cutting back median noses; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) which allows for the replacement of existing structures where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity, such as the replacement in-place of traffic signal poles, mast arms, signal heads, controller cabinets, crosswalk striping, pull boxes, spandrel, and traffic signs; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures, such as the installation of push button assemblies, conduits, loop detectors, EVPE, curb ramps, and turning lane striping; Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor alteration to the condition of land which do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, such as the excavation and backfilling of streetscape for the installation of conduits and traffic signal poles; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On April 22, 2024, the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice. An appeal of this decision must be made by 5:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City Clerk/Appeal, MS 2A, 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The appeal filing fee must be United States Postal Service (USPS) postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) Appeals filed in person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building – Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the appeal period. The completed appeal form shall include the required appeal fee, with a check payable to: City Treasurer. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

This information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

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