



November 30, 2023

Johnny Chou  
Balboa Park Committee

Dear Mr. Chou:

The City of San Diego Engineering and Capital Projects (City) is preparing a Historical Resources Compliance Report (HRCR) and Finding of No Adverse Effect (FNAE) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Cabrillo Freeway (State Route 163) portion of the Sewer Group 836 Project in the City of San Diego. The HRCR and FNAE will support an Encroachment Permit for the portion of work on property owned by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 11. The proposed project is for sewer-related maintenance and repair at 22 sites. Three of the 22 maintenance and repair sites are located along Cabrillo Freeway (see attached maps). Proposed work at Location 1 (Site 17A) would include plugging and rechanneling a segment of sewer for abandonment. Work at Location 2 (Site 17B) would include replacement of a sewer segment and manholes. Work at Location 3 (Site 19) would include repair and rehabilitation of a sewer segment and manholes. Construction within the Cabrillo Freeway Historic District would include methods to avoid and minimize impacts to the district's character-defining features, including concrete elements and vegetation. Specifically, the City will not remove the freeway's concrete; although location 2 requires an open trench for work, it will be adjacent to the concrete. Trees would be avoided, and all vegetation would be replaced post-construction in-kind.

Location 1 is partially within, and Location 2 is entirely within, the Cabrillo Freeway Historic District. Because the Cabrillo Freeway Historic District was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), it is also listed on the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). Furthermore, it is on the State's Master List of historical resources. For these reasons, the Cabrillo Freeway is considered a historical resource pursuant to CEQA and the project must comply with California Public Resources Code (PRC) 5024 because it is under State ownership. Additionally, Location 3 is located nearby but outside the western boundary of the Balboa Park Historic District, which is listed on the NRHP, CRHR, and the San Diego Register of Historical Resources. The City will access Location 3 through a portion of Balboa Park located west of both Balboa Park Historic District boundaries and the Cabrillo Freeway. Therefore no impacts to the Balboa Park Historic District will occur.

The City and Caltrans are making every effort to be responsible stewards of historic properties. The cultural resources study will include a Finding of No Adverse Effect with non-standard conditions to ensure that historic properties retain their status as CEQA historical resources. Caltrans will seek concurrence on this Finding from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

Please contact ICF Consultant Margaret Roderick at [Margaret.Roderick@icf.com](mailto:Margaret.Roderick@icf.com) or 213-312-1786 within 30 days of receipt of this letter with any questions, concerns, or information about the Cabrillo Freeway Historic District or other known or potential historical properties within or directly adjacent to the proposed project's study area as provided in the attached maps.

Sincerely,

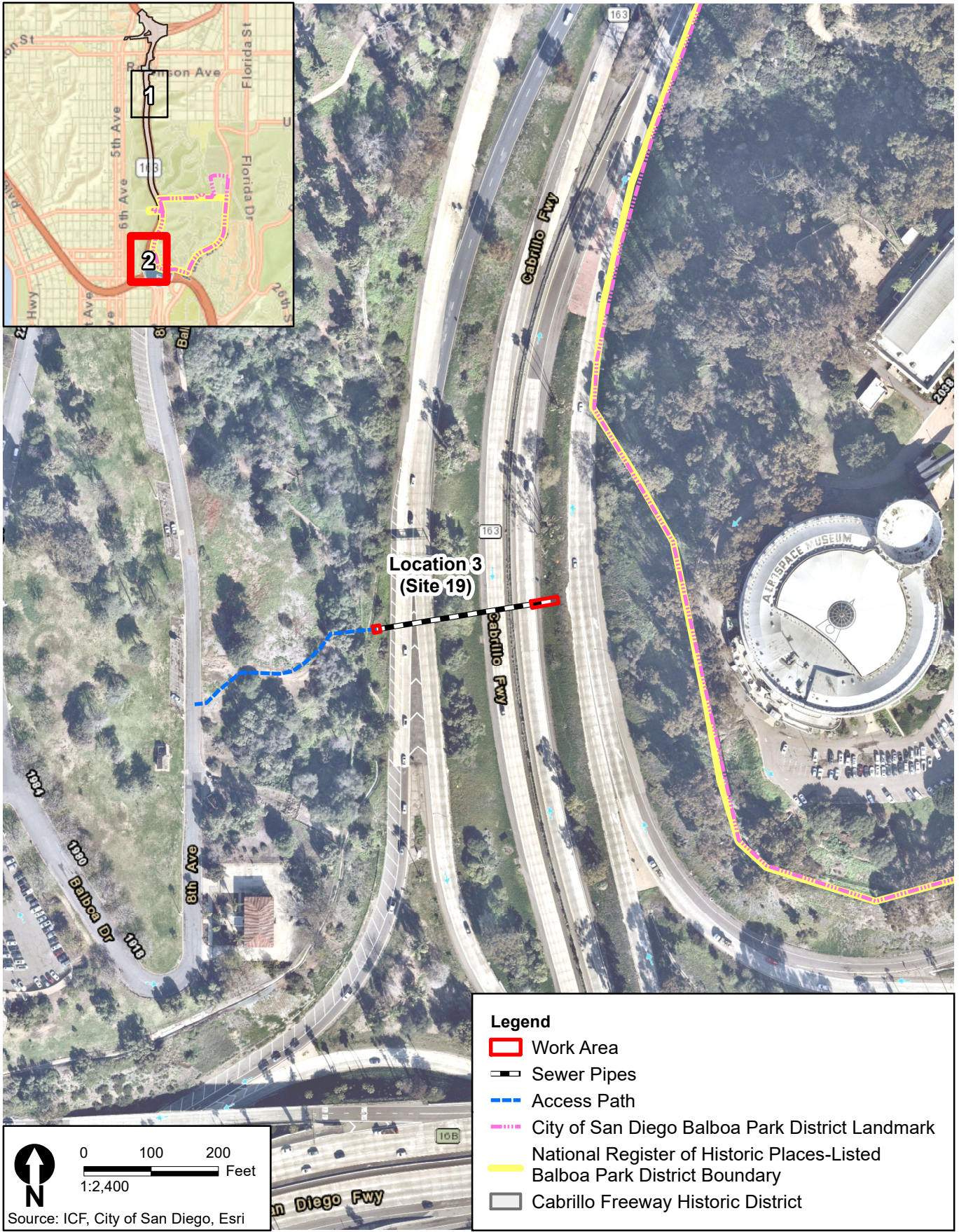
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Margaret Roderick  
Senior Architectural Historian







Enclosure: Location maps.



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**Legend**

-  Work Area
-  Sewer Pipes
-  Access Path
-  City of San Diego Balboa Park District Landmark
-  National Register of Historic Places-Listed Balboa Park District Boundary
-  Cabrillo Freeway Historic District

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Source: ICF, City of San Diego, Esri

