

Date of Notice: February 21, 2024

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## **CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

**PROJECT NAME/NUMBER:** Street Light Circuit Upgrades

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Pacific Beach

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2

**LOCATION:** Garnet Avenue

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project includes replacing 52 existing high voltage series circuit street lighting along Garnet Avenue with new safer modernized low voltage parallel circuit system. Work will consist of furnishing all labor, materials, minor trenching, new poles, foundations, pull boxes, light fixtures, service connections, conduits, and other electrical appurtenances. All work would occur within the public right-of-way (paved streets) or previously disturbed, and non-sensitive areas only. Traffic Control Plan (TCP) and Best Management Practices will be implemented throughout construction activities.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** Categorically Exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines Sections 15301(b) (Existing Facilities), and 15302(c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15304 (f) (Minor Alterations to Land).

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Mayor-Appointed Designee.

## STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project is exempt pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(b) (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use including both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; 15302(c) (Replacement or Reconstruction) which consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; and 15304(f) (Minor Alterations to Land) which consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, including minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The exceptions listed in CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 would not apply in that no cumulative impacts were identified; no significant effects on the environment were identified; the project is not adjacent to a scenic highway; no historical resources would be affected by the action; and the project was not identified on a list of hazardous waste sites pursuant to Section

65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On February 21, 2024 the City of San Diego made the above-referenced environmental determination pursuant to CEQA. This determination is appealable to the City Council. If you have any questions about this determination, contact the City Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal the CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (March 5, 2024). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

- 1. <u>Appeals filed via Email</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form <u>DS-3031</u>can be obtained at <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Send the completed appeal form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <a href="https://email.goog.gov">hearings1@sandiego.gov</a> by 5:00p.m. on the last day of the appeal period; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 business 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) before or on the final date of the appeal.
- 2. Appeals filed In-Person: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at: <a href="https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf">https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</a>. Bring the fully completed appeal application DS-3031 (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building— Public Information Counter (Open 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday excluding City approved holidays), 1st Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00pm 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.

The appeal application can also be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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

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