



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: April 29, 2025

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-24118

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**PROJECT NAME:** Washington Street and Albatross Street HAWK Signal

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Uptown

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 3

**LOCATION:** The project is located at the intersection of Washington Street and Albatross Street.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will install two high-intensity crosswalk beacon systems (HAWK) at the northwestern and southwestern street corners, which pedestrians would activate to stop road traffic when crossing Washington Street. The project will also install a continental crosswalk, pavement striping, signage, pedestrian barricades, vehicle loop detectors, pull boxes, conduit, and other associated appurtenances; replace in-place one curb ramp; remove the existing streetlight at the northwest corner and install a new streetlight at the northeast corner. All excavation for the pole foundations and conduit trenching will occur within previously disturbed soils.

**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), Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), and Section 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 the CEQA State Guidelines: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for the minor alteration to existing public facilities, such as pedestrian safety enhancements, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment, such as the installation of HAWK flashing beacons, a streetlight, and associated electrical equipment; Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows

for minor public alteration in the condition of land which does not involve removal of healthy mature, scenic trees, such as minor excavation for the installation two HAWK poles, one streetlight pole, and conduit within the public right-of-way; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On April 28, 2025, 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 to this determination must be filed by 5:00 pm on May 6, 2025. 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](mailto: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), 1<sup>st</sup> 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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