

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Date of Notice: September 10, 2021 NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

**ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT** 

WBS No. B-17163.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Palm Avenue Storm Drain Replacement

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Otay Mesa-Nestor

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 8

LOCATION: The project is located at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Picador Boulevard.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will replace-in-place approximately 90 linear feet of existing 18-inch diameter corrugated metal pipe storm drain with 18-inch diameter reinforced concrete pipe storm drain and install associated appurtenances. The project will also replace approximately 13 traffic detector loops, install approximately 13 new traffic detector loops, repair and resurface approximately 11,985 square feet of existing roadway, and restripe portions of the intersection. All repair and resurface work will occur within existing right-of-way.

## ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 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 categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), which allows for repair, maintenance and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features involving negligible or no expansion of existing use including street resurfacing and restriping for this project; 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities including existing traffic detector loops, storm drains and associated appurtenances; 15303 (New Construction), which allows for the construction of new facilities or structures including storm drain appurtenances and traffic detector loops for this project; 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land), which allows for minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On September 10, 2021 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 determination to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within 5 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (September 17, 2021). During the Statewide "Safer-at-Home" directive to reduce the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 19, 2020, appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or US Mail as follows:

- <u>Appeals filed via E-mail:</u> Send the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) via email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> by 5:00pm 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 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2) <u>Appeals filed in person</u>: Bring the fully completed appeal application <u>DS-3031</u> (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building—Public Information Counter, 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.

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