



Date of Notice: July 26, 2023

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

CITY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Park Boulevard Resurfacing and Restriping (B23017)

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park and Downtown San Diego

COUNCIL DISTRICT: District 3

LOCATION: Park Boulevard (between President Way and the southbound Interstate 5 on-ramp). See Figure 1.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project will repair and repurpose the existing public right-of-way on Park Boulevard between Presidents Way and the southbound Interstate 5 on-ramp to implement bicycle and transit corridor improvements. The proposed improvements include resurfacing the roadway, restriping the existing lanes to create one lane for general traffic, one dedicated bus lane, and one separated bikeway (Class IV) in the northbound and southbound directions. Parking is to be removed on both sides of Park Boulevard. The proposed improvements will be constructed after the implementation of the Balboa Park Pipeline Replacement, Phase II project, which is adjacent to the Project site.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304(h) (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 that determined the Project would not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) and Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land). CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) exempts 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 existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes. CEQA Guidelines Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land) exempts 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 the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.

The Project meets the criteria of CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(c) and 15304(h) because it is located in an existing public right-of-way, it does not require the removal of any trees, and it involves minor alterations to the existing street to include dedicated bus lanes and improved bicycle facilities, and these improvements would not expand the existing use of the road such that it would cause a physical direct and/or indirect impact on the environment. Park Boulevard is serviced by MTS Routes No. 7 and 215 and has high pedestrian and bicycle activity. Although the Project would result in the loss of some street parking along Park Boulevard, over half of the Project site already prohibits street parking along Park Boulevard. Thousands of off-street parking spaces are available at Inspiration Point parking lot, with direct walk access and a shuttle serving the center of Balboa Park. Thus, the removal of some street parking along Park Boulevard is not anticipated to result in a significant increase in vehicle travel that would result from vehicles seeking parking in the area and would not result in a physical impact on the environment. Furthermore, the removal or relocation of off-street or on-street parking spaces is presumed to have a less than significant impact on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as discussed in the City's Transportation Study Manual. 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 July 26, 2023, 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**August 2, 2023**). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. Appeals filed via Email: 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 form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov 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: <https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf>. 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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Figure 1



Transportation Department

PARK BLVD PIPELINE REPL (BL)

Park Blvd btw President Wy and I-5 on/off ramp

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Park BLVD BTW PRESIDENT WY AND 1-5 ON/OFF RAMP

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COMMUNITY NAME: BALBOA PARK, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Date: 7/12/2023

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

WBS NO: B-23017

