

Date of Notice: October 13, 2020

## NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

## PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Citywide Traffic Loops Replacement – Task Modification #1

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS:** Barrio Logan, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Downtown, Clairemont Mesa, College Area, Eastern Area, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Midway-Pacific Highway, Mira Mesa, Miramar Ranch North, Mission Bay Park, Mission Valley, Navajo, Pacific Beach, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Peñasquitos, San Pasqual, Scripps Miramar Ranch, Skyline Paradise Hills, Torrey Hills, Torrey Pines, and University.

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Citywide

**LOCATION:** See Attachment A: Location List for specific locations.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project involves furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, services, and construction for the removal and replacement of damaged Traffic Signal loops throughout the City of San Diego (City). The scope of work includes: installation of traffic loops; traffic control, obtaining traffic control permits; splicing new traffic loops to existing detector lead-in cables (DLCs); installation of new DLCs; installation of two inch PVC conduit from the edge of the roadway to the closest traffic signal pull box as needed; repair or replacement of damaged stub-outs; repair or replacement of damaged pull boxes; repair or replacement of Type A detector handholes; and acceptance testing of new traffic loops.

All work would occur within the public right-of-way (paved streets) or previously disturbed non-sensitive areas only, and outside of the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). No sensitive vegetation would be impacted or removed. Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control preventing discharge, as well as Traffic Control Plan (TCP) would be implemented throughout construction.

**ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL:** City of San Diego

**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:** This activity is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures).

**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 State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (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 existing highways and streets, sidewalks, gutters, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and similar facilities; and Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which consists of the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The exceptions to the exemptions 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; and no historical resources would be affected by the action.

As to the exception for hazardous materials, there are locations listed on GeoTracker and EnviroStor within 1,000 feet of the public right-of-way. While these locations are listed, there are no open environmental cases of known hazardous material contamination that would be disturbed which would otherwise preclude use of a CEQA exemption pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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On October 13, 2020, 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 Contact/Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal 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 (**October 27, 2020**). 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:

- Appeals filed via Email: Send the appeal by email to Hearings1@sandiego.gov; your email appeal will be acknowledged within 24 hours. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Tara Ash-Reynolds, 9485 Aero Drive, M.S. 413, San Diego, CA 92123. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 2. Appeals filed via US Mail: Send the appeal by US Mail to City Clerk/Appeal, 202 C Street, M.S. 2A,San Diego, CA 92101. Appeals filed by US Mail must have a United States Postal Service (USPS) postmark by the appeal deadline to be considered valid. You must separately mail the required appeal fee by check payable to the City Treasurer to: City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Tara Ash-Reynolds, 9485 Aero Drive, M.S. 413, San Diego, CA 92123. The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within 5 business days of the date the appeal is filed.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Tara Ash-Reynolds** at **tashreynolds@sandiego.gov.** 

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

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POSTED: <u>T. Ash-Reynolds</u>

## Attachment A: Location List

Street Name	Cross Street	Council District	Community Planning Area
TECOLOTE RD	MORENA BLVD	2	LINDA VISTA
MONTEZUMA RD	54TH ST	9	COLLEGE AREA
CARMEL VALLEY RD	SORRENTO VALLEY RD	1	TORREY PINES
W LAUREL ST	PACIFIC HWY	3	DOWNTOWN
DUKE ST	MIDWAY DR	2	MIDWAY-PACIFIC HIGHWAY
SUNDEVIL WY	CARMEL MTN RD	5	RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS
RAGWEED ST	PARK VILLAGE RD	5	RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS
PARK VILLAGE RD	RAGWEED ST	5	RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS
SUNSHINE PEAK CT	SCRIPPS POWAY PKWY	5	MIRAMAR RANCH NORTH
NATIONAL AVE	CESAR E CHAVEZ PY	8	BARRIO LOGAN
COLLEGE GROVE DR	COLLEGE AVE	4	EASTERN AREA
HIGH BLUFF DR	DEL MAR HEIGHTS RD	1	CARMEL VALLEY
HIGHLAND VALLEY RD	POMERADO RD	5	SAN PASQUAL
BALBOA AVE	MERCURY ST	6	KEARNY MESA
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DEL MAR HEIGHTS RD	CARMEL COUNTRY RD	1	CARMEL VALLEY
INGRAHAM ST	BERYL ST	2	PACIFIC BEACH
DANA LANDING RD	INGRAHAM ST	2	MISSION BAY PARK
MURPHY CANYON RD	AERO DR	6	KEARNY MESA
SAN CARLOS DR	LAKE MURRAY BLVD	7	NAVAJO
RANCHO BERNARDO TOWN CENTER DR	BERNARDO CENTER DR	5	RANCHO BERNARDO
POMERADO RD	HIGHLAND VALLEY RD	5	RANCHO BERNARDO
PASEO LUCIDO	AVENIDA VENUSTO	5	CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH
PLAZA DE PALMAS	REGENT RD	1	UNIVERSITY
PACIFIC HEIGHTS BLVD	MIRA MESA BLVD	6	MIRA MESA
54TH ST	MONTEZUMA RD	9	COLLEGE AREA
MEANLEY DR	SCRIPPS RANCH BLVD	5	SCRIPPS MIRAMAR RANCH
CARMEL MTN RD	SORRENTO VALLEY RD	1	TORREY HILLS
CALLE SAUCILLO	PASEO LUCIDO	5	RANCHO BERNARDO
PROVENCAL PL	RANCHO CARMEL DR	5	CARMEL MOUNTAIN RANCH
MORENA BLVD	KNOXVILLE ST	2	CLAIREMONT MESA
MERCURY ST	ENGINEER RD	6	KEARNY MESA
QUALCOMM WY	CAMINO DE LA REINA	7	MISSION VALLEY
SORRENTO VALLEY RD	SORRENTO VALLEY BLVD	1	TORREY PINES
N TORREY PINES RD	TORREY PINES SCIENCE PARK SOUTH	1	UNIVERSITY
JAMACHA RD	CARDIFF ST	4	SKYLINE-PARADISE HILLS