



Date of Notice: April 19, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME: Guardrail Safety Improvements

COMMUNITY PLAN AREAS: Torrey Pines, Encanto Neighborhoods, Sabre Springs, and San Ysidro

COUNCIL DISTRICTS: 1, 4, 5, and 8

LOCATIONS: North Torrey Pines Road .75 and 1.3 miles North of Callan Road, Skyline Drive & South Woodman Street, Sabre Springs Parkway & Evening Creek Drive South, and Via De La Melodia & Smythe Avenue. Please see Exhibit A for map of project locations.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City will provide guardrail safety improvements by installing and replacing the metal beam guardrail systems using 6" x 9" wide I-Beam shaped metal posts and new straight end treatments. Guardrail installation will consist of 9" diameter post holes drilled with a backhoe boom mounted auger with a depth of 41" into the ground spaced at 6'-3" apart located immediately behind existing sidewalks. At the North Torrey Pines Road location, guardrails will be placed immediately behind the existing asphalt/or 6-inch high asphalt dike within previously disturbed annually cleared public right-of-way only. All work will be conducted from the existing roadway pavement with mounted auger stretching over the existing asphalt or sidewalk from the street side to minimize ground disturbances. The 6-inch x 9-inch wide I-Beam shaped metal posts will then be placed into the augured holes, backfilled, and compacted by hand and with a mechanical tamper. The metal beam guardrails will then be bolted to the posts and the new straight end treatments installed by hand using electric hand tools, wrenches, and drivers. 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. North Torrey Pines Road is located within the Coastal Overlay Zone and no impacts to Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL) would occur from the guardrail improvements. All work will occur within the City's public-right-of-way previously disturbed areas only. Two locations North Torrey Pines Road and Sabre Springs Parkway & Evening Creek Drive South are located adjacent to the City's Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and will be required to comply with the MHPA Land Use Adjacency Guidelines as specified in Section 1.4.3 of the Multiple Species Conservation Program's Subarea Plan. The Transportation Department Crews are notified that work will occur at two locations adjacent to the MHPA and will implement the MHPA LUAGs prior to starting work. No work will occur at the

locations adjacent to the MHPA during the avian breeding season (February 1- September 15).

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), and 15303 (New Construction).

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; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) 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; Section 15303(d) (New Construction) consists of 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; including but not limited to water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction; and where 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 April 19, 2022 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 ten business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**May 3, 2022**). Per the revised Public Notice issued by the Office of the City Clerk on September 28, 2021, appeals to

the City Clerk must be filed via e-mail or in-person as follows:

1. 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, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.** The appeal filing fee must be postmarked within five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
2. Appeals filed In-Person: The appeal application can be obtained in the Lobby of the City Administration Building located at 202 'C' Street, San Diego, CA 92101. The completed appeal package must include the required appeal fee in the form of a check payable to the City Treasurer to: **City of San Diego Planning Department, Attn: Tara Ash-Reynolds, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123.**

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Tara Ash-Reynolds** at TAshreynolds@sandiego.gov. The revised Public Notice can be found here: https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/office_of_the_city_clerk_public_notice_rev09252020_v2.pdf

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

POSTED ON THE CITY'S CEQA WEBSITE

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Exhibit A: Citywide Guardrail Upgrades Vicinity Map

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