



Date of Notice: May 7, 2021

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Howard Avenue – Village Pine to Iris Avenue Sidewalk/ AIK00001 New Walkways, CIP B18019

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Otay-Mesa Nestor

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 8

LOCATION: East side of Howard Avenue between Iris Avenue and Village Pine Drive, San Diego, CA 92173

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project will install new concrete sidewalk on the east side of Howard Avenue between Iris Avenue and Village Pine Drive and includes new curb ramps, modify the existing traffic signal, and implement traffic striping improvements. All work would occur within the public right-of-way in previously disturbed and non-sensitive areas only. Storm Water Best Management Practices (BMPs) for erosion control preventing discharge, as well as a Traffic Control Plan (TCP) would be implemented throughout construction.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities).

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(c) (Existing Facilities) which consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations 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. 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

is one location listed on GeoTracker within 1,000 feet of the public right-of-way. While this location is 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.

CITY CONTACT: Krissy Maier, Community Development Coordinator

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On May 7, 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 Contact listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination to the City Council must be filed with the Office of the Clerk within five business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**May 21, 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:

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, MS 413, 9485 Aero Drive, 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, MS 2A, 202 C Street, 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, MS 413, 9485 Aero Drive, 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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