



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: May 15, 2024

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

## ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

### ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-24107.02.06

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**PROJECT NAME:** Traffic Signal Upgrades to Camino Ruiz/Mira Mesa Boulevard & Texas Street/Madison Avenue

**COMMUNITY PLAN AREA:** Mira Mesa, North Park

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 6, 3

**LOCATION:** Work will occur at the intersection of Mira Mesa Boulevard and Camino Ruiz, as well as the intersection of Texas Street and Madison Avenue.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes streetscape improvements, including the removal and replacement of existing traffic signal poles and signal equipment, pull boxes, cross-gutters, controller cabinets, cameras, striping, curb ramps, and paving markings. The project also proposes to install new loop detectors, conduits, Emergency Vehicle Pre-Emption Equipment (EVPE), bike loops, pedestrian crossing signals, and signal equipment. The proposed work will require trenching to a depth of approximately 18 inches for conduit installation and excavation to a depth of approximately 14 feet for traffic signal pole installation. All work is entirely within the City's developed public 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, Section 15301 (Existing Facilities); 15392 (Replacement or Reconstruction); 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); and 15304 (Minor Alteration 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 following categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines: Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) which allows for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as resurfacing streets and repainting street striping and curb markings; Section 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction) which allows for the replacement of existing structure where the new

structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity, such as the replacement in-place of traffic signal poles and their related equipment, pull boxes, cross-gutters, curb ramps, cameras, controller cabinets; Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small structures, such as the installation of pedestrian crossing signals and related equipment, conduits, loop detectors, bike loops, and EVPE; Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) which allows for minor alteration to the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, such as the excavation and backfilling of streetscape necessary for the installation of conduits and traffic signal poles; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On May 14, 2024, 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 determinations made by staff to the City Council must be filed in the Office of the City Clerk within five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice. An application to appeal this determination must be made by 5:00 p.m. on May 22, 2024. Appeal procedures are described in Information Bulletin 505 (<https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/dsdib505.pdf>). Appeals to the City Clerk must be filed by email or in person as follows:

- 1) Appeals filed via E-mail: 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 application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to [Hearings1@sandiego.gov](mailto:Hearings1@sandiego.gov) by 5:00 p.m. 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 five (5) business days of the date the appeal is filed.
- 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>. Deposit the fully completed appeal application (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation) to the City Administration Building – Public Information Counter (Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding City-approved holidays), 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby, located at 202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101, by 5:00 p.m. 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. Please include the project name on the memo line of the check/money order. This Drop-Off Box is checked daily, and payments are processed the following business day.

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

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