

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: January 7, 2025 NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-25058.02.06

PROJECT NAME: AC Overlay Group 2523

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Mid-City Communities (City Heights, Normal Heights, Kensington-Talmadge, Eastern Area neighborhoods), College Area, Encanto Neighborhoods, and Southeastern San Diego

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 4, 9

LOCATION: 34th Street from El Cajon Boulevard to Meade Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard from 34th Street to Cherokee Avenue, El Cajon Boulevard from Van Dyke Avenue to 50th Street, Fairmount Avenue from Wightman Street to El Cajon Boulevard, Wightman Street from 43rd Street to 45th Street, 50th Street from El Cajon Boulevard to Madison Avenue, Altadena Avenue from El Cajon Boulevard to Monroe Avenue, 54th Street from Adams Avenue to New Mills Road, Orange Avenue from Winona Avenue to 51st Street, Altadena Avenue from Orange Avenue to Trojan Avenue, 54th Street from Orange Avenue to University Avenue, 63rd Street from Pontiac Street to Montezuma Road, College Avenue from Streamview Drive to Meridian Avenue, Chollas Road from 51st Street to Collura Street, Collura Street from Pilot Way to 69th Street, Federal Boulevard from 47th Street to 48th Street, Westover Place from Euclid Avenue to 54th Street, Euclid Avenue from Fir Street to Westover Place, Hilltop Drive from 47th Street to Carolina Lane, Euclid Avenue from Lakiba Palmer Avenue to Hilltop Drive, and Imperial Avenue from Southlook Avenue to South 37th Street.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will overlay approximately 5.55 miles of existing roadways with asphalt concrete pavement and roadway subgrade repairs where needed, including replacement and installation of curb ramps, cross gutters, curb and gutter, sidewalks, bus pad, and traffic loop detectors. Also, the project will adjust manhole and gate valve covers, prune tree roots, install root barriers, and replace and/or install new traffic striping.

Segments of the project located at Fairmount Avenue, College Avenue, Federal Boulevard, and Euclid Avenue will install bicycle facilities per the City's Bicycle Master Plan. These facilities will include pavement marking, flexible delineators, and signs. The work along these areas may result in the removal of on-street parking.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities); Section 15302(c) (Replacement or Reconstruction); Section 15303(d) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures); Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations 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 categorical exemption criteria set forth in CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities), which allows for the maintenance and minor alteration of existing public structures involving negligible or no expansion of use, such as overlaying existing roadways with asphalt concrete pavement, conducting subgrade repairs, adjusting existing manholes and gate valve covers, and pruning tree roots; Section 15302 (c) (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for the replacement of existing facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, such as the restriping existing roadways and the replacement of existing curb ramps, cross gutters, curb and gutter, sidewalks, and traffic loop detectors; Section 15303(d) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures), which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, such as the installation of new curb ramps, cross gutters, curb and gutter, sidewalks, root barriers, traffic loop detectors, pavement markings, flexible delineators, and signage; Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land) which allow for minor public alterations in the condition of land which does not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, such as the creation of bicycle lanes on existing right-of-way; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On January 7, 2025, 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, January 14, 2025. 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:

<u>Appeals filed via E-mail:</u> The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. Send the completed appeal application form (including grounds for appeal and supporting documentation in pdf format) by email to <u>Hearings1@sandiego.gov</u> 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) <u>Appeals filed in person</u>: The Environmental Determination Appeal Application Form DS-3031 can be obtained at <u>https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/legacy/development-services/pdf/industry/forms/ds3031.pdf</u>. 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), 1st 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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