



Date of Notice: August 11, 2022

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NAME/NUMBER: Balboa Park Phase II and Phase III

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Balboa Park

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: The project will occur on existing public right-of-way on Park Boulevard from Upas Street to Presidents Way.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project will repurpose the existing public right-of-way on Park Boulevard from Upas Street to Presidents Way to implement bicycle and transit corridor improvements. The proposed improvements include restriping the curb-to-median from two lanes and street parking to create one lane for general vehicle traffic, an intermittent bus lane, intermittent floating parking and a separated bikeway. The project will result in the removal of some on-street parking, and some segment capacity on Park Boulevard. Turn lanes and turn pockets will remain to address intersection capacity.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) and 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land).

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 CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) (Existing Facilities) which exempts 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 (this includes road grading for the purpose of public safety), and other alterations such as the addition of bicycle facilities, including but not limited to bicycle parking, bicycle-share facilities and bicycle lanes, transit improvements such as bus lanes, pedestrian crossings, street trees, and other similar alterations that do not create additional automobile lanes; and Section 15304(h) (Minor Alterations to Land) which exempts minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve

removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, including the creation of bicycle lanes on existing rights-of-way.

The project qualifies for the Class 1 and Class 4 exemptions because it is located in an existing public right-of-way, it does not involve the removal of any trees, and the repurposing of the existing street to include a dedicated bus lane and improved bicycle facilities would not expand the existing use of the road such that it would cause a physical direct and/or indirect impact on the environment, or an expansion of its existing use. Park Boulevard is serviced by MTS Routes No. 7 and 215 and has high pedestrian and bicycle activity. Although the project would result in the loss of about half the existing street parking along Park Boulevard, there are over seven (7) parking lots near and/or adjacent to the project area which have available capacity to accommodate the parking lost due to the project. Thus, the removal of some street parking along Park Boulevard is not anticipated to result in a significant increase in vehicle travel that would result from vehicles seeking parking in the area and would not result in a physical impact on the environment.

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 August 11, 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 five (5) business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (**August 18, 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: Elena Pascual, 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: Elena Pascual, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123**.

If you have any questions regarding the procedures to file the appeal, please contact **Elena Pascual** at EPascual@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.

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