



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

Date of Notice: March 14, 2024

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

ENGINEERING & CAPITAL PROJECTS DEPARTMENT

WBS No. B-22076.02.06

PROJECT NAME: Hillcrest Improvements 2

COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Uptown

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 3

LOCATION: The project occurs on City easements and right-of-way at the following locations: Washington Street, 5th Avenue, 6th Avenue, 7th Avenue, 8th Avenue, University Avenue, Robinson Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue, the North-South alleyway midblock between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue, and the North-South alleyway midblock between 6th Avenue and 7th Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project proposes to replace in-place approximately 4,760 linear feet (0.9) miles of existing 6-, 8-, 10- and 12-inch vitrified clay (VC), concrete pipe (CP), and cast iron (CI) sewer mains via open trench, rehabilitate approximately 1,359 linear feet (0.25) miles of 10- and 12-inch VC sewer mains via trenchless methods, install approximately 335 linear feet (0.06) miles of new 8-inch sewer mains via open trench, and abandon approximately 467 linear feet (0.09) miles of existing sewer mains. The project also proposes to abandon approximately 4 manholes, construct 11 new manholes, and reconnect 5 sewer laterals. The project also proposes replacement and new sidewalks and curb ramps in the project area.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: This activity is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(b) [Existing Facilities]; 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction]; 15303(d) [New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures]; 15304(f) [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(b) [Existing Facilities]; which allows for the alteration of existing public facilities involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use, such as

the rehabilitation and abandonment of existing sewer mains and related appurtenances as well as reconnection of sewer laterals; Section 15302(c) [Replacement or Reconstruction]; which allows for the replacement 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, such as the replacement of sewer mains and related sewer appurtenances as well as replacement of curb ramps and sidewalks; Section 15303(d) [New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures]; which allows for the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities, such as the installation new sewer main, sewer manholes, sewer related appurtenances, curb ramps, and sidewalks; 15304(f) [Minor Alterations to Land]; which allows for the minor public alteration to the condition of land which does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees, such as installation of curb ramps and sidewalks, and excavation of utility trenches; and where the exceptions listed in Section 15300.2 would not apply.

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On March 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 (March 21, 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 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 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), 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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