



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: September 23, 2016

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PROJECT NO: S-00831.02.06
PROJECT NAME: Balboa Avenue Corridor Improvements
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Clairemont Mesa and Kearny Mesa Community Plan areas
COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2 & 6

LOCATION: The project is located at the following four (4) separate intersections along Balboa Avenue in the City of San Diego: Balboa Avenue & Kearny Villa Road, Balboa Avenue & Moraga Avenue, Balboa Avenue & Mt. Alifan Drive/Mt. Aberthany Avenue, and Balboa Avenue & Viewridge Avenue.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project's scope of work includes upgrading four (4) intersections on Balboa Avenue with new signal heads, push buttons, signal poles with mast arms, ADA curb ramps, emergency vehicle pre-emption (EVPE), crosswalk restriping and removal of a free right turn. All four locations are part of an existing roadway system, and are located completely within an existing, fully improved, urbanized setting. As proposed, the project will not result in any increase in impervious surface.

The specific upgrades are proposed at the following four intersections, as further described below:

- **Balboa Avenue & Kearny Villa Road:** Upgrade curb ramps and vehicle heads, reconstruct the southwest corner of this intersection (including removal of existing AC pavement and island), and install the following: signal poles with signal mast arms for all approaches, pedestrian countdown timers, Polara APS, EVPE, and new ornamental landscaping may be required.
- **Balboa Avenue & Moraga Avenue:** Upgrade vehicle heads and install the following: signal pole with signal mast arm for east bound traffic, pedestrian countdown timers and EVPE.
- **Balboa Avenue & Mt. Alifan Drive/Mt. Aberthany Avenue:** Upgrade curb ramps and vehicle heads and install the following signal poles with signal mast arms for east and west bound traffic, pedestrian countdown timers, Polara APS and EVPE. Work at this location will include landscaping at the existing median on Balboa Avenue between Genesee and Mt. Abernathy.
- **Balboa Avenue & Viewridge Avenue:** Upgrade curb ramps and vehicle heads, implement protected left turn phasing for north and southbound traffic, and install the following: signal poles with signal mast arms for west, north and southbound traffic, pedestrian countdown timers, Polara APS, marked crosswalks and EVPE.

ENTITY CONSIDERING PROJECT APPROVAL: City of San Diego

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA State Guidelines, Section 15301(B) [EXISTING FACILITIES], Section 15302(C) [REPLACEMENT OR RECONSTRUCTION] and Section 15303 [NEW CONSTRUCTION].

ENTITY MAKING ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: City of San Diego Public Works Department

STATEMENT SUPPORTING REASON FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of San Diego conducted an environmental review and determined the project meets the categorical exemption criteria set forth in the CEQA State Guidelines §15301(Existing Facilities), which allows for minor alteration of facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of use; §15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction), which allows for reconstruction of existing facilities, involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; §15303 (New Construction), which allows for construction and location of limited numbers of small facilities or structures, and installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and does not trigger any of the exceptions to categorical exemptions found in CEQA Guidelines §15300.2.

CITY PROJECT MANAGER: Sabeen Cochinwala, Associate Engineer
MAILING ADDRESS: 525 B Street, Suite 750, San Diego, CA 92101
PHONE NUMBER/E-MAIL: (619) 533-4661 / scochinwala@sandiego.gov

On September 23, 2016 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 Development Project Manager listed above.

Applications to appeal CEQA determination made by staff (including the City Manager) to the City Council must be filed in the office of the City Clerk within 10 business days from the date of the posting of this Notice (October 7, 2016). The appeal application can be obtained from the City Clerk, 202 'C' Street, Second Floor, San Diego, CA 92101.

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