



Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: July 29, 2020
Case No.: **2016-011136ENV**
Project Address: **Southeast Bay Outfall Islais Creek Crossing Replacement Project**
Zoning: M-2 Heavy Industrial and PDR-2 Production, Distribution, and Repair Use Districts
Neighborhood: Bayview/Hunter's Point
Cross Streets: West of Third Street and Islais Creek Bridge
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This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed project as described below. The document is a preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination of the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of a mitigated negative declaration does not indicate a decision by the City to carry out or not to carry out the proposed project.

Project Description: The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is proposing the Southeast Bay Outfall Islais Creek Crossing Replacement Project (proposed project) to improve the reliability of the Southeast Bay Outfall system, which transports treated effluent from the Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant to the San Francisco Bay. The proposed project would replace a segment of the system, comprised of two parallel pipelines that cross Islais Creek, just west of Third Street in the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood. The existing pipelines beneath Islais Creek are deteriorating and have reached the end of their useful life. In June 2019, as part of an emergency project, SFPUC decommissioned one of the pipes and installed a temporary high-density polyethylene bypass pipeline across Islais Creek. The proposed project consists of installing of two new permanent high-density polyethylene and steel pipelines beneath and immediately adjacent to Islais Creek. As part of the proposed project, the remaining in-service ductile iron pipeline beneath Islais Creek would be abandoned in place and the temporary bypass pipeline would be removed. Construction of the proposed project would begin in 2021 and would take approximately 3.5 years. Construction would require temporary closure of Islais Creek Park and Tulare Park.

Agencies with approval actions for the proposed project would include: SFPUC, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, State Historic Preservation Office, Port of San Francisco, and various city departments.

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's Environmental Review Documents web page at <https://sfplanning.org/sfceqadocs>. Paper copies are also available upon request to the staff contact above.

If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the PMND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2020), any person may:

- 1) Review the PMND as an informational item and take no action;
- 2) Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PMND may be amended to clarify

or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done without the appeal described below; OR

3) Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the San Francisco Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$640 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.[1] An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an environmental impact report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. To file an appeal of a PMND, you must first create an account (or be an existing registered user) on the planning department's public portal system available at: <https://aca-ccsf.accela.com/ccsf/Default.aspx>. Then, email an appeal letter to CPC.EPIntake@sfgov.org. You will receive follow-up instructions for fee payment via email.

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 30 days from the date of publication of the PMND. If the PMND is appealed, the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The first approval action, as identified in the Initial Study, would establish the start of the 30-day appeal period for the FMND pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.16(h).

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

[1] Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.