



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

DATE OF NOTICE: May 25, 2021

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

## DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

SAP No.: 24008673

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The City of San Diego (City), as Lead Agency, has prepared a draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the following proposed project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City's California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) web-site at <http://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>.

**HOW TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: Comments on this draft Mitigated Negative Declaration must be received by June 24, 2021** to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. When submitting comments, please reference the project name and number (Federal Boulevard De-Channelization and Trail Project/Project No. 669559). The City requests that all comments be provided electronically via email at: [DSDEAS@SanDiego.gov](mailto:DSDEAS@SanDiego.gov). However, if a hard copy submittal is necessary, it may be submitted to: **Jamie Kennedy, City of San Diego Development Services Center, 1222 First Avenue, MS 501, San Diego, CA 92101.**

### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION:

- Project Name: Federal Boulevard De-Channelization and Trail Project
- Project No. 669559
- SCH No. NA
- Community Plan Area: Mid-City Communities
- Council District: 9

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project proposes a SITE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT for the de-channelization (concrete-removal) of 1,885 linear feet (LF) of Chollas Creek, construction of 3,100 LF trail, and native landscaping around the trail and banks of the creek, on a site containing Environmentally Sensitive Lands (ESL). The proposed project would remove 2.26 acres of impermeable concrete channel, widen the channel, and construct 2.84 acres of channel lined with natural stone and native vegetation. A new retaining wall of varying heights (7 to 12 feet) would be installed along the southern side of the creek and the slope would be replanted. An existing bridge and reinforced concrete box (RCB) currently used to access a sewer manhole on the south side of the creek would be removed, and the sewer manhole would be removed and replaced with pipe. Concrete encasement would be installed along 65 LF of sewer Vitrified Clay Pipe (VCP), and a 60 LF 8" VCP would be relocated. Four stone drop structures and one concrete spillway and stone energy dissipator would be installed for grade stability in the creek. Five access ramps on the north side of the creek would be used for maintenance and stabilized with armor-flex (or equivalent) and native herbaceous vegetation. Proposed staging would occur on the northwest and east ends of the project area. After creek improvements occur, the northwest staging area would be revegetated with native shrubs and trees. A 3,100 LF asphalt trail with widths varying 5-12 feet would connect existing sidewalks to the west and east of the project. The project site is east of Interstate (I) 15 and Home Avenue, north of State Route (SR) 94, west of Sunshine Berardini Field, and south of Federal Boulevard in the City of San Diego. The project is not located within or adjacent to the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA). The project is located on right of way owned by the City of San Diego and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and requires a Caltrans Encroachment Permit. The project is

located in the RM-1-1, RS-1-1 and RS-1-7 zone within City Heights in the Mid-City Communities Community Plan Area in Council District 9. The project is located within City Heights in the Mid-City Communities Community Plan Area in Council District 9. **The site is not included on any Government Code listing of hazardous waste sites.**

**APPLICANT:** Groundwork San Diego.

**RECOMMENDED FINDING:** The draft Mitigated Negative Declaration determined the proposed project will not have a significant environmental effect on the environment.

**AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT:** To request this Notice, the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and/or supporting documents in alternative format, please email the Development Services Department at [DSDEASNoticing@sandiego.gov](mailto:DSDEASNoticing@sandiego.gov). Your request should include the suggested recommended format that will assist with the review of documents.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For environmental review information, contact Jamie Kennedy at (619) 446-5445. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact Development Project Manager, Karen Howard, at (619) 687-5915. This Notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on May 25, 2021.

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