



**City of Laguna Beach Public Works and Utilities Department**  
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**TO:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** **Notice of Availability** and **Notice of Intent** to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cleo Street Beach Access Rehabilitation Project - CIP 21-9525

This serves as the City of Laguna Beach Public Works and Utilities Department's Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Cleo Street Beach Access Rehabilitation Project - CIP 21-9525, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Cleo Street Beach Access Rehabilitation Project - CIP 21-9525

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Western terminus of Cleo Street by the Pacific Ocean, City of Laguna Beach, County of Orange

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Laguna Beach Public Works and Utilities Department is proposing the Cleo Street Beach Access Rehabilitation Project. The Project will remove a portion of the sidewalk on Ocean Front Drive while protecting most of the decorative concrete barrier and preserving the decorative trash receptacle at the top of stairs, the historical dedication sign, and lamp post. Where existing sidewalk is removed, new asphalt concrete pavement will be constructed with striping to delineate a "No Parking" zone with a wider safer walkway for pedestrians. A small segment of barrier will be removed to introduce a new upper viewing area with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access. Sidewalk adjacent to the new upper viewing area will be replaced and regraded to reduce slopes. The existing beach access stairs will be removed and replaced with new stairs. The new stairs feature expanded intermediate landings, aesthetic boulder-like benches at select locations, improved pile foundations, supplemental trash and recycling receptacles, and continuous hand railing. Access to the pump house will be maintained while improving safety and security of the upper pump station deck slab with new perimeter hand railing and lockable gate. The lower flight of stairs will extend and key into bedrock to ensure safe access regardless of seasonal fluctuations in sand level. Other appurtenant improvements include additional rock slope protection, rehabilitation of the face of the deteriorated reinforced concrete storm drain outlet structure, removals of exposed deteriorated abandoned steel pipe, and replacement with concrete plugs and grouted riprap. Adjacent landscape areas and irrigation impacted by the work will be restored in kind. Construction is expected to commence in 2024 and be completed in 2025.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:** The City of Laguna Beach Public Works and Utilities Department proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the above-cited project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is based on the finding that, through compliance with the Mitigation Measures, the project's potential significant adverse impacts would be reduced to less than significant with mitigation. The reasons to support such a finding are documented by an Initial Study prepared by the City of Laguna Beach Public Works Department.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for a 30-day review period from **April 24, 2024 through May 24, 2024**. The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated documents may be viewed at the following locations:

- City of Laguna Beach, City Hall:
  - City Clerk, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651
  - Community Development Department, 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651
  - Public Works and Utilities Department, 479 Ocean Avenue, Laguna Beach, California 92651
- Laguna Beach Public Library, 363 Glenneyre Street, Laguna Beach, California 92651



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The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated documents may be viewed electronically on the City website at [www.lagunabeachcity.net](http://www.lagunabeachcity.net):

- Government > Departments > Public Works and Utilities > Capital Improvement Projects > Cleo Street Beach Access
- Government > Departments > Community Development > Planning > Public Notices

For questions regarding the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration contact Alpha Santos-Guinto, Project Manager, Tel. (949) 497-0729, E-mail: [asantos@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:asantos@lagunabeachcity.net)

In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the proposed Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted in writing and received by the City of Laguna Beach Public Works and Utilities Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2024, in order to be considered prior to the final determination on the project. Should you decide to challenge this project, you may be limited to the issues raised during this public review period. Please mail or email your written comments to: Alpha Santos-Guinto, Project Manager, Tel. (949) 497-0729, E-mail: [asantos@lagunabeachcity.net](mailto:asantos@lagunabeachcity.net).

**Starting Date:** April 24, 2024

**Ending Date:** May 24, 2024

**CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH HEARING:**

A public hearing to review this project will be scheduled in June 2024. Additional public noticing regarding the date, time, and place of the hearing will be provided.

Date: April 24, 2024

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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