



## PUBLIC NOTICE

# NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

*Date:* March 19, 2025  
*Comment Deadline:* April 8, 2025  
*Case No.:* **2024-005910ENV**  
*Project Title:* **12 kV Power Distribution Replacement**  
*Project Site:* Portions of San Francisco International Airport's West of Bayshore property and the Airport area east of U.S. Highway 101  
*Project Sponsor:* San Francisco International Airport, Audrey Park, 650.821.6678, [audrey.park@flysfso.com](mailto:audrey.park@flysfso.com)  
*Staff Contact:* Don Lewis, 628.652.7543, [don.lewis@sfgov.org](mailto:don.lewis@sfgov.org)

The San Francisco Planning Department has studied this project's potential physical environmental effects and welcomes your comments on the adequacy of the preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND). Refer to the Project Description and Purpose of Notice sections below for more information.

## Project Description

A PMND has been prepared by San Francisco Planning in connection with this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to study the project's potential physical environmental effects.

San Francisco International Airport (SFO or Airport) proposes improvements to portions of the Airport's existing 12-kilovolt (kV) electrical power distribution systems (proposed project) to maintain reliable electrical power at Airport facilities. The proposed project would replace and upgrade segments of the 12 kV electric utility cable networks that distribute power to the Airport's terminals and landside buildings. Based on cable testing conducted by SFO in 2023 and 2024, the existing 12 kV cables are approximately 30 years old, are approaching the end of their serviceable lives, and are prone to failure. As such, SFO is proposing their replacement to maintain primary electrical power and redundancy and to minimize or avert a disruption of power, lighting, and telecommunications service to critical airport operations that may otherwise result from a failure of the electrical cable system.

The proposed project would involve removing and in-kind replacing electrical cables within an existing 12 kV underground concrete utility duct bank. An approximately 7,700-foot-long (1.5-mile-long) set of 12 kV cables would be removed and replaced between Substation BA, within the Airport's West of Bayshore (WOB) property, and manhole PD-B660, within a portion of the Airport area east of U.S. Highway 101. These electrical cables ultimately feed into electrical substations on Airport property for distribution to the Airport. Cable sets, each comprising a series of individual cables co-located in an existing Airport utility duct bank, would be removed from existing manholes and electrical stations and replaced.

Surface construction activities for the proposed project would include clearing vegetation, widening some existing vehicle access roads, and installing new gravel vehicle access roads on a portion of the WOB property. In addition, five permanent access pads surrounding the existing manholes on the WOB property would be installed, each totaling approximately 2,100 square feet (30 feet by 70 feet). Construction would also involve dewatering utility vaults accessible via manholes.

The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

The document is a PMND, containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The publication of this environmental document does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or disapprove the proposed project.

## Purpose of Notice

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's Environmental Review Documents web page at <https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents>. Paper copies are also available at the Planning counter of the San Francisco Permit Center on the second floor of 49 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Environmental review focuses on the physical environmental effects of the project. Comments regarding your like or dislike of the project or if you think officials should approve or disapprove the project will not be addressed in the environmental review document. Instead, we encourage you to provide these comments to the planner assigned to review the project for planning code and general plan compliance. The current planner for this project is Don Lewis, [don.lewis@sfgov.org](mailto:don.lewis@sfgov.org) or 628.652.7543. If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed on the first page.

**You are not required to take any action.** If you wish to comment on the adequacy of the PMND, within 20 calendar days following publication of the PMND (by 5 p.m. on April 8, 2025), any person may:

1. 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**
2. Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$763 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.<sup>1</sup> 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, send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Lisa Gibson, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or emailed to [lisa.gibson@sfgov.org](mailto:lisa.gibson@sfgov.org) and **must be received by 5 p.m. on April 8, 2025.**

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 20 days from the date of publication of the PMND. If the PMND is appealed, the Final

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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.