



**CEQA and COASTAL DETERMINATIONS
and
NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Project: Replacement of Existing Fiber Facilities by AT&T at Harbor Drive
Location: 1880 Harbor Island Drive, San Diego
Parcel No.: Various
Project No.: 2021-112
Applicant: Pacific Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T California
Date: Nov 16, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would involve replacement of fiber facilities within various manholes located near 1880 Harbor Island Drive in the City of San Diego by AT&T.

The specific work required would include the following activities:

- Implement a Traffic Control Plan
- Access existing fiber facilities at existing Manholes 1758, 2206, 2200, 2198 and 2199 and XBOX on Harbor Island Drive
- Replace the existing fiber cable with CMPH and splice fiber cables

The work would involve an AT&T work crew and work trucks. The AT&T work crew would set up the company safety policies and procedures captured in the Traffic Control Plan prepared by D. Parr dated June 14, 2021. The AT&T work crew would access the existing manholes with hand tools. All construction would be completed within 90 days from the beginning of construction.

Due to its nature and limited scope, construction of the proposed project would generate a minor amount of vehicle trips and would require limited use of equipment. Therefore, impacts related to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and transportation and traffic are not anticipated to occur. Furthermore, the Applicant would be responsible for complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding construction demolition debris, hazards and hazardous materials, and stormwater.]

The following categorical determinations are based on the project submittal and all project information known to the District as of the date of this determination.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exemption(s): SG §15301, Class 1/Section 3.a: Existing Facilities and SG §15302, Class 2/Section 3.b: Replacement or Reconstruction

3.a. Existing Facilities (SG § 15301) (Class 1): Includes operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:

- (7) Existing facilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility service.

AND/OR

3.b. Replacement or Reconstruction (SG § 15302) (Class 2): Includes replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure being replaced.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines and the Section(s) of the District's *Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA* as identified above because the project would involve no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would not result in a

significant cumulative impact due to the continuation of the existing use; and, would consist of the replacement/reconstruction of an existing facility, be located on the same site as the facility replaced, and would have substantially the same purpose and capacity. The District has determined none of the six exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption apply to this project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2).

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15062, a 35-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply from the date a Notice of Exemption is posted with the San Diego County Clerk, or a 180-day statute of limitations for this CEQA exemption shall apply if no Notice of Exemption is filed.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL ACT

PORT MASTER PLAN CONSISTENCY

Planning District(s): 2 - Harbor Island/Lindbergh Field (Precise Plan Figure 9)

Land Use Designation(s): Commercial Recreation

The proposed project conforms to the certified Port Master Plan because it would involve replacement of existing fiber facilities in various manholes consistent with the existing certified Land Use designation(s). The proposed project would not change the use of the roadway within a commercial recreation designated area, nor would it interrupt or expand the existing conforming uses of the area.

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATION

Categorical Exclusion(s): Section 8.a: Existing Facilities and 8.b: Replacement or Reconstruction

8.a. Existing Facilities: The operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:

- (2) Public and private utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewer, or other utility services

AND/OR

8.b. Replacement or Reconstruction: Replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located essentially on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

The proposed project is determined to be Categorically Excluded pursuant to the Section(s) of the District's *Coastal Development Permit Regulations* as identified above because it would involve negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing and would be located essentially on the same site as the facility replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the facility replaced.

Pursuant to California Coastal Act Section 30717, there is a 10-working-day period to appeal this "Coastal Act Categorical Determination of Exclusion" to the California Coastal Commission.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC TRUST DOCTRINE

The proposed project complies with Section 87.(a)(4) of the Port Act, which allows for the construction, reconstruction, repair, and maintenance of highways, streets, roadways, bridges, belt line railroads, parking facilities, power, telephone, telegraph or cable lines or landings, water and gas pipelines, and all other transportation and utility facilities or betterments incidental, necessary, or convenient for the promotion and accommodation of any of the uses set forth in Section 87(a) of the Port Act. The Port Act was enacted by the California Legislature and is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine. Consequently, the proposed project is consistent with the Public Trust Doctrine.

JOE STUYVESANT
President/CEO

Determination by:

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Signature: M Hamilton
Date: Nov 16, 2021

Signature: Christopher Burt
Date: Nov 16, 2021