

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

PROJECT NAME: City of Carlsbad Beach Access Repairs Project
PROJECT NO: CDP 2021-0011/HDP 2021-002/HMP 2021-0003 (DEV 2021-0049)
PROJECT LOCATION: City of Carlsbad right-of-way along the western area of Carlsbad Boulevard and beach promenades from Pine Avenue to Tamarack Avenue, adjacent APNS: 2043100100 and 2032501500

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Beach Access Repair Project (Project) proposes structural repairs and improvements to the existing concrete sidewalks, retaining walls, and beach access stairways located along Carlsbad Boulevard. The Project consists primarily of repairing or replacing existing features in-kind, with the exception of the upper sidewalk, which is proposed to be widened to accommodate the heavy traffic of passive and active recreational user groups. The locations of the proposed sidewalk improvements and repairs, proposed stairway replacements as well as the proposed staging area for the Project. The Project is within City and California State Parks jurisdiction (State Parks). The proposed Project consists of two major elements: The Upper Sidewalk Improvements and Beach Access Stairway Replacements. The proposed actions associated with these elements are outlined below:

Upper Sidewalk Improvements:

- Replacement and widening by 2.5' through the removal of a surface mounted railing and metal beam guardrail (1' gained) and a 1.5' sidewalk widening/extension to the west. The total upper sidewalk width would be increased from 9' to 11'-4" to 11'-10" in the proposed condition.
- Replacing the existing upper sidewalk surface-mounted railing between Pine Ave and Tamarack Ave with a side-mounted railing to provide an additional extra sidewalk walking width.

Beach Access Stairway Replacements:

- Replacement of four (4) existing elevated access stairways and railings in same configuration (size and shape) at each access location. The replacements will utilize the existing reinforced concrete pile that support the stairway landings. The handrails edging the stairs and platforms would be replaced with similar railings and handrails that meet applicable codes and would include downward facing lighting.
- Replace one (1) on-grade access stairway and railings at Tamarack Avenue within the footprint of the existing stair curbs and walkway.

Additional Improvements:

- Replace existing sandbags with short retaining wall extensions (no more than 20 linear feet) at the base of the Maple, Sycamore and Hemlock Avenue stairways to control soil sloughing from the bluff from impacting use of the stairs.
- Install new under rail accent lighting at the elevated access platforms and the Tamarack Avenue on-grade access stairway.
- The Project also includes miscellaneous improvements in the Project vicinity such as replacing the existing streetlight poles along the beach side of Carlsbad Blvd from Pine Ave to Tamarack

Ave and replacing the existing sidewalk and railing around the beach shower along the upper sidewalk near the Tamarack Ave restroom. In total there are 14 existing LED streetlights; 11 of the existing streetlights are double mast and three (3) are single mast. All the existing streetlights will be replaced with in-kind double mast streetlights within the footprints of the existing streetlights.

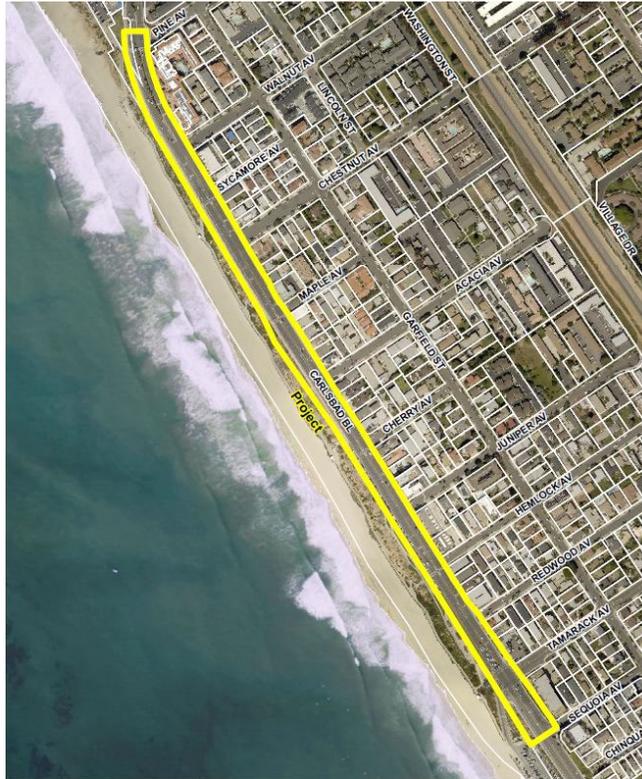
PROPOSED DETERMINATION: The City of Carlsbad has conducted an environmental review of the above described project pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Environmental Protection Ordinance of the City of Carlsbad. As a result of said review, the Initial study identified potentially significant effects on the environment, but (1) revisions in the project plans or proposals made by, or agreed to by, the applicant before the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur, and (2) there is no substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the City that the project “as revised” may have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, a **Mitigated Negative Declaration** will be recommended for adoption by the City of Carlsbad Planning Commission.

AVAILABILITY: A copy of the Initial Study documenting reasons to support the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is on file in the Planning Division, 1635 Faraday Avenue, Carlsbad, California 92008 and is available online at:

<https://www.carlsbadca.gov/departments/community-development/planning/agendas-minutes-notice>

COMMENTS: Comments from the public are invited. Pursuant to Section 15204 of the CEQA Guidelines, in reviewing Mitigated Negative Declarations, persons and public agencies should focus on the proposed finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. If persons and public agencies believe that the project may have a significant effect, they should: (1) identify the specific effect; (2) explain why they believe the effect would occur; and (3) explain why they believe the effect would be significant. Written comments regarding the draft Mitigated Negative Declaration should be directed to Izzak Mireles, Associate Planner at the address listed below or via email to Izzak.Mireles@carlsbadca.gov. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

The proposed project and Mitigated Negative Declaration are subject to review and approval/adoption by the Planning Commission. Additional public notices will be issued when those public hearings are scheduled. If you have any questions, please call Izzak Mireles in the Planning Division at (442) 339-2693.



PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
PUBLISH DATE

May 19 – June 19, 2023
May 19, 2023