



NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT RECEIVING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

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NOTIFICACIÓN DE PROYECTO RECIBIENDO EVALUACIÓN AMBIENTAL
ABISO NG PROYEKTONG PAGTANGGAP SA PAGSUSURI NG KAPALIGIRAN

Date: July 6, 2022
Comment Deadline: July 19, 2022
Case No.: **2019-015435ENV**
Project Address: **City and County of San Francisco – county and city wide**
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The San Francisco Planning Department (“SF Planning”) is in the initial stages of studying this project’s potential environmental effects and welcomes your comments. Please refer to the Project Description and Purpose of Notice sections below for more information. **You are not required to take any action.**

Project Description

The San Francisco Department of Public Works (SF Public Works/public works) engages in the review and approval of discretionary permits for various activities occurring on public infrastructure, private property, and the public rights of way¹ in the City and County of San Francisco. Permits issued by SF Public Works consist of various types of activities, including excavation, encroachment, and other minor permits (see Table 1).

The proposed project includes the analysis of environmental effects of all discretionary approval permits issued by SF Public Works. The project location includes the boundaries of the City and County of San Francisco, where the department has jurisdiction as outlined above (public infrastructure, private property, and public right of way). Public works issues permits for other activities in the public right-of-way that do not result in the any environmental effects. Those permits are not included in the proposed project. The proposed project does not change the nature or type of permits that are issued by SF public works. The proposed project analyzes the on-going issuance of the SF Public Works permits.

¹ San Francisco Public Works Code Article 2.4 defines the PROW as “the area across, along, beneath, in, on, over, under, upon, and within the dedicated public alleys, boulevards, courts, lanes, roads, sidewalks, spaces, streets, and ways within the City, as they now exist or hereafter will exist, and which are or will be under the permitting jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.”

Table 1 - Public Works Discretionary Permits				
#	Permit Activity	Permit Type	Public Works No. (or PW Code Section)	Short Permit Description
Encroachment Permits				
1	Sub-sidewalk Basement Encroachment Permit	Encroachment	Article 15, Sec. 723.2	Permit to identify sub-sidewalk basements and record it on the property so that the property owner and successors of interest can be annually assessed. DPW is responsible for responsible for issuing a sub-sidewalk basement Encroachment Permit (Public Works Code Section 723.2) and applying an assessment fee based on legislation enacted in 2005 by the Board of Supervisors. The permit requirements are the same as the Minor Sidewalk Encroachment permit above.
2	Minor Sidewalk Encroachment	Encroachment	Article 15, Sec. 723.2	Permits an owner of property abutting any court, alley or street to install and maintain minor encroachments such as fences, retaining walls, steps, stairways and other minor structures in the sidewalk fronting such property.
3	Sidewalk Pipe Barrier/Security Bollard Permit	Encroachment	Article 15, Sec. 723.2	Installation of security bollards/barriers on the sidewalk.
4	Transit Shelters, Signal Control Covers and Kiosks Permit	Encroachment	PW No. 177159	Permit to install new transit shelters, signal control, and kiosks on public ROW.
Excavation Permits				
5	Boring and Monitoring Well Permit	Excavation	Article 2.4	Permits soil boring or installation of monitoring wells within the public rights of way.
6	General Excavation Permit	Excavation	PW No. 187005	Permits excavation and restoration of sidewalks and/or roadway pavements within the public rights of way in order to install, repair, or replace a utility facility.
7	Side Sewer Permit	Excavation	Article 4, Sec. 105	Permits the installation of sewer laterals within the public rights of way.
8	Sidewalk Repair Permit	Excavation	PW No. 177525	Permit for repair of sidewalks.

9	Special Sidewalk Permit	Excavation	PW No. 172596	Permit for sidewalks within the Downtown Streetscape areas where sidewalks are constructed with dark grey.
10	Street Improvement Permits	Excavation	Article 15, Sec. 708	A street improvement permit is required to repair/install sidewalk, curb, gutter, and/or roadway.
11	Underground Tank Abandonment Permit	Excavation	Article 2.4	This permit is for the closure in place of an underground storage tank (UST) for UST's located under a public right-of-way.
12	Underground Tank Removal Permit	Excavation	Article 2.4	Permit for the closure of an underground storage tank (UST) that must be removed or abandoned in place at the time a property title is transferred.
13	Utility Excavation Permit	Excavation	PW No. 187005	Permit to excavate and restore sidewalk and/or roadway pavement within the public rights of way in order to install, repair, or replace a utility facility.
Other Small-Scale Permits				
14	Night Noise Authorization Permit	Other/Small Scale	Article 29, Sec. 2908	Allows construction between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. that would exceed 5 dBA above ambient levels
15	Surface Mounted Facilities	Other/Small Scale	PW No. 188097	Permit to install, attach, or affix in the Public Right-of-Ways any utility facility that is above the surface of the street and that requires the Permittee to excavate to install the facility.
16	Automobile Driveways/Overwide Driveway Permit	Other/Small Scale	PW No. 62850	Permit for the construction of automobile runways commonly called "drop curbs" and "driveways."
17	Accessible business entrance	Other/Small Scale	PW No. 200405	Permit to relocate utilities in order to modify existing sidewalks for accessibility.
18	Street Tree Planting Permit	Landscaping	PW No. 178631	Permit to plant or install trees on public ROW.
19	Street Tree Removal Permit	Landscaping	PW No. 178631	Permit for removal of any existing trees on private property or public ROW.
20	Minor Encroachment Permit	Other/Small Scale	Article 15, Section 723.2	It allows property owners to install amenities such as fences, retaining walls, steps, stairways or other minor structures in the sidewalk fronting properties where such encroachments are desirable or convenient in conjunction with the owner's use and enjoyment of the property, or required for the safety, convenience and comfort of the public using the sidewalk.

Project plans and additional materials related to the San Francisco Public Works Citywide Discretionary Permits Project (2019-015435ENV) are available for review on the San Francisco Property Information Map, which can be accessed at <https://sfplanninggis.org/PIM/>. Individual files can be viewed by clicking on the Planning

Applications link, clicking the “More Details” link under the project’s environmental case number 2019-015435ENV and then clicking on the “Related Documents” link.

Purpose of Notice

SF Planning welcomes your comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project. Your comments should focus on significant environmental issues regarding this project, information that would help the environmental analysis, or factors to consider in the environmental analysis. For more information about the types of environmental effects SF Planning studies, please contact the planner identified in the paragraph below.

In order for SF Planning to fully consider your comments and to ensure you receive future environmental review documents for this project, **please contact Florentina Craciun – 628-652-7510. florentina.craciun@sfgov.org** by July 19, 2022. Anyone receiving this notice is encouraged to pass on this information to others who may have an interest in the project.

Environmental review provides information on physical environmental effects and does not make recommendations on the project itself. Please avoid providing comments regarding your like or dislike of the project or if you think officials should approve or disapprove the project. The environmental review planner will not include any comments about these topics in the environmental review document.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with SF Planning. However, SF Planning may make all written or oral communications available, including submitted personal contact information, for inspection and copying upon request from the public. These communications may also be posted on San Francisco Planning’s website or in other public documents.

CEQA

pronounced "SEE-kwuh"

The San Francisco Planning Department (SF Planning) reviews projects for potential environmental impacts. This is CEQA, which stands for the **California Environmental Quality Act**, a state law created in 1970.

THE BASIC GOALS OF CEQA ARE TO:

INFORM

decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental impacts

PREVENT

significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes to a project

IDENTIFY

the ways that the environmental damage can be avoided or reduced

DISCLOSE

to the public the reasons why decisions are made if significant impacts occur

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- SF Planning is responsible for conducting environmental review in San Francisco.
- Various stakeholders including the public
- City decision makers
- Government or private project sponsors (person/group proposing the change)

WHEN IS CEQA DONE?

Environmental review is not an approval of a project, but it must be complete before city decision makers determine whether or not to approve a project that could impact the environment.

Example projects include:

- Public or private projects
- Board of Supervisors legislation
- Allocation of public funding to projects



In San Francisco, SF Planning informs the public of many types of environmental impacts, including impacts on air quality, noise, wind, shadow, transportation, and other topics.

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