



CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

February 15, 2024

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28TH STREET STORMWATER INFILTRATION PROJECT

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Manhattan Beach is circulating a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public comment.

Project Location: 26th Street Parking Facility at 115 26th Street, Manhattan Beach; and within the public right-of-way on the streets surrounding the parking facility, including 26th Street, from Ocean Drive to Manhattan Avenue; 27th Street from Ocean Drive to Manhattan Avenue; Ocean Drive from 26th Street to 27th Street; and Manhattan Avenue from 26th to 28th Street; and in the green space on the lower portion of Bruce's Beach Park west of and adjacent to Manhattan Avenue. The Project location is depicted in Figure 1.

Project Description: The City of Manhattan Beach is proposing to construct the 28th Street Stormwater Infiltration Project. Runoff will be diverted from the existing County-owned storm drain located below 28th Street through a pipe aligned southeast on Manhattan Avenue. The diverted runoff will be pumped to a trash removal device and sedimentation system (pretreatment) to remove trash and sediment and then distributed to a matrix of drywells located in and around the parking facility.

The infiltration system was identified as the highest priority capital project for the City in the Beach Cities Watershed Management Program (WMP). The WMP was developed in a collaborative effort involving the Cities of Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). The WMP identifies projects in the jurisdictions that will improve water quality and address applicable sources of bacteria from entering the Santa Monica Bay. To meet these goals in Manhattan Beach, the WMP includes a conceptual plan for an infiltration in the Project area. The primary goal of the Project is to reduce bacterial and trash/debris discharge from the storm drain system in alignment with existing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in the Santa Monica Bay.

The Project will divert dry- and wet-weather discharges that would otherwise drain into the 28th Street Storm Drain (Bond Issue [BI] 0286) and ultimately into the Santa Monica Bay. Figure 2 illustrates the general concept for the Project, whereby captured runoff will be redirected into an underground system that facilitates treatment and infiltration. Up to approximately 70 acre-feet (AF) of runoff may be captured during a single storm event.

Project goals are summarized as follows: Reduce bacterial discharges from the storm drain system; reduce trash/debris discharge from the storm drain system; enhance water quality locally; reduce the potential for beach closures; create educational and outreach opportunities for the local community; and enhance an existing public parking facility.

Environmental Determination: An Initial Study (IS) has been prepared for the project. Based on the findings of the Initial Study, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been determined to be the appropriate environmental document required for the project. Based on the analysis included in the IS/MND, it has been determined that all potentially significant impacts of the project can be mitigated to a less-than-significant level and, therefore, the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will be incorporated into the final IS/MND.

The IS/MND is being circulated for a **31-day public review starting February 16, 2024, and ending March 18, 2024**. During this period, a copy of the document is available for review online at <https://www.manhattanbeach.gov/departments/public-works/engineering-division/subsurface-infiltration-drainage-project#!/>, and will be posted at the locations listed below:

City of Manhattan Beach—City Hall
1400 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

County of Los Angeles Public Library
1320 Highland Avenue
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

Joslyn Community Center
1601 Valley Drive
Manhattan Beach, CA, 90266

Manhattan Heights
1600 Manhattan Beach Boulevard
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266



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Interested parties must submit their comments in writing by March 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Comments must be submitted with the subject line "28th Street Stormwater Infiltration Project" via postal or electronic mail to the following address:

City of Manhattan Beach
Attention: Jeff Fijalka
3621 Bell Avenue
Manhattan Beach CA, 90266
E: fijalka@manhattanbeach.gov

The final IS/MND will incorporate responses to written comments received during the public review period. The final document will be considered by the City Council for approval. Questions regarding this notice should be addressed to Jeff Fijalka, Senior Civil Engineer, (310) 802-5358, fijalka@manhattanbeach.gov.

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Date



Figure 1 Project Location



Figure 2 Stormwater Infiltration Concept