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To: Robert Quan
From: Frank Filice, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, IDC *FVF*
Subject: CEQA STATUS – 2035D-9
As-Needed Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Program (SIRP) No. 9

The As-Needed Sidewalk Inspection and Repair Program (SIRP) No. 9 (project) is not an activity subject to further review under the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**.

Project Location: Various Locations, San Francisco, CA

Scope of Work: Scope of work consists of concrete work for the reconstruction of sidewalks, driveways, curbs and curb ramps; replacement of utility boxes and covers; trimming/pruning of trees and hedges and all appurtenant work in accordance with drawings and specifications.

This determination was based on a review of the scope of work submitted and in accordance with guidelines prepared by Planning. Refer to the memorandum "Processing Guidance: Not a project under CEQA" issued by Planning on September 18, 2013. The aforementioned memorandum was prepared as a guide for private projects and will serve as an interim guide for public projects until further notice. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is working with Planning on a similar memo to formalize processing guidance for public projects. Future guidance will include a list of improvements that will not be considered "a project" as defined by the CEQA, Section 21065.

Interim Guidance

Consistent with the 9/18/13 memo, an activity that "may cause either a direct physical change in the environmental or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environmental" is defined as a "project" under CEQA. The key differences between public and private projects are the definition of public space and how Bulletin 16 requirements come into play to assess buildings and interior spaces over 50 years old¹.

Activities that have been deemed as "not a project" by the San Francisco Planning Department include¹:

- Interior renovations of non-public spaces involving no change or expansion of use
- Interior work involving mechanical, electrical, HVAC system repairs and replacements
- Street/sidewalk use and maintenance activities that require administrative actions by DPW
- Exterior in-kind repair or replacement work on portions of an existing structure, involving no expansion of the structure (ie. in-kind repair or replacement of windows, stairs, fences, stucco, siding, roofing, decks, painting)

¹ As outlined in the 9/18/13 memo, activities that involve sites/buildings that are historically significant and/or contribute to the site/building's historic signatures will be reviewed outside the purview of the memo and in accordance with Planning's Bulletin 16.