

Public Access during the 2021 Comic-Con International: San Diego (Comic-Con) Special Edition

Appealable Coastal Development Permit

September 14, 2021

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Recommended Actions

- Conduct public hearing
- Authorize issuance of an Appealable Coastal Development Permit (CDP) to San Diego Comic Convention and the San Diego Convention Center Corporation for Public Access during the 2021 Comic-Con Special Edition

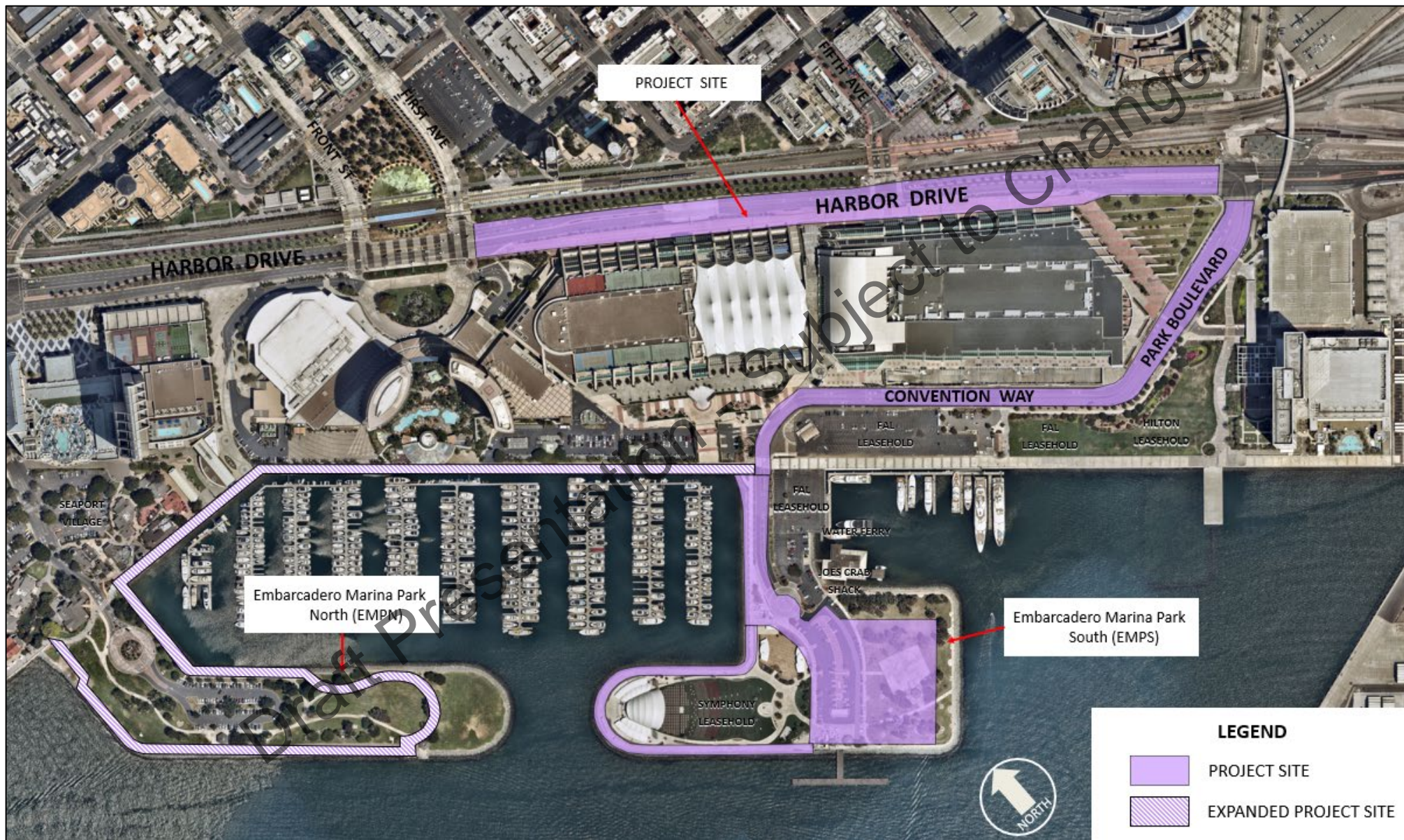
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2021 Comic-Con Special Edition

- **Total Duration: 9 days (November 22-30, 2021)**
 - Event (3 days): November 26-28
 - Setup (4 days): November 22-25
 - Breakdown (2 days): November 29-30
- **Project Overview**
 - Safety and security restrictions
 - Use of Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS)
 - Line queuing
 - Public access components



Project Site



Safety and Security Restrictions

- **Temporary Partial Street, Driveway, and Sidewalk Segment Restrictions**

- Harbor Drive from First Avenue to Park Boulevard
- Front driveway
- Sidewalk in front of Convention Center



Safety and Security Restrictions (continued)



Harbor Drive



Front driveway and sidewalk

Use of Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS)

- **Comic-Con Parking**
- **Attendee Line Queuing**
 - Eastern portion of park
 - Western perimeter promenade



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CA Coastal Commission (Coastal) Staff Coordination

- **Public Access Concerns**

- Street and sidewalk closures
- EMPS inaccessible
 - Perimeter promenade
 - Public parking
- Comprehensive Public Access Plan (PAP) needed

- **CDP Required**



Site visit with Coastal Staff – 2019 Comic-Con

Comic-Con Public Access Plan (PAP)

- Available vehicular and pedestrian public access on Comic-Con promo materials
- Four (4) public pedestrian accessways made available
- Public must be able to access the fishing pier, promenades, and adjacent businesses
- Public access signage placed at prominent locations
- Ground decals used on promenades to distinguish public areas from line queues
- On-site line managers to ensure public access on the promenades
- 31 EMPS public parking spaces to be available on first come first served basis
- Applicants, District and City staff, and Coastal staff (if requested) to meet onsite to review PAP components
- After the event, Applicant to submit PAP Report to the District

Public Access Plan Exhibit




Public Access Signage (2019 Comic-Con)



Coastal Development Permit

- Appealable Development
- Conforms to Port Master Plan (PMP) land uses, precise plan map and text
- Consistent with Coastal Act public access and public recreation policies
- CDP Special Provisions
- Future multi-year CDP for traditional Comic-Con events



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COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

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Location: Various locations in the South Embarcadero bayfront within District jurisdiction in downtown San Diego, CA 92101, listed below and as shown on Exhibit 1, Project Site:

- Park Boulevard/Convention Way
- Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS)
- Harbor Drive between First Avenue and Park Boulevard
- Front driveway and sidewalk in front of the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC), 111 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101
- South Embarcadero Promenade between the entrances to EMPS and EMPN (between Marina Walk and Convention Way, and segment adjacent to Seaport Village)
- Embarcadero Marina Park North (EMPN)

You are hereby granted a Coastal Development Permit. This Permit is issued in conformance with the California Coastal Act of 1976 and the Coastal Permit Regulations of the San Diego Unified Port District, as adopted by the Board of Port Commissioners on July 1, 1980, Resolution No. 80-193, and as amended on December 2, 1980, Resolution No. 80-343, and on February 14, 1984, Resolution No. 84-62, in accordance with the provisions for the issuance of an ☐ Emergency ☐ Non-Appealable ☒ Appealable Coastal Development Permit.

Date of Board Action: September 14, 2021

Board of Port Commissioners Resolution Number: 2021-xxx

Date of Permit: TBD

Application Number: 2021-xxx

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Staff Recommendation

CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF AN APPEALABLE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT TO SAN DIEGO COMIC CONVENTION AND THE SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC ACCESS DURING THE 2021 COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL: SAN DIEGO (COMIC-CON) SPECIAL EDITION

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