Notice of Determination

Approval Date: September 26, 2013
Case No.: 2012.0153E
Project Title: 200 Paul Avenue
Zoning: PDR -2 (Core Production, Distribution, and Repair) District
65-J Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 5431A/1F and 1G
Lot Size: 308,914 square feet (7.09 acres)
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Attached fees:
\[\checkmark \] $53 filing fee AND \[\checkmark \] $2,156.25 Negative Declaration Fee

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project site is located on the north side of Paul Avenue midblock between Highway 101 and Third Street, and opposite Exeter and Gould streets. The site contains four existing industrial buildings (Buildings A, B, D, and F) totaling approximately 493,000 square feet. Two multi-story buildings at the front of the property are used as an Internet services exchange (ISE) in which space is leased by 200 Paul LLC, an affiliate of Digital Realty Incorporated to tenants operating colocation data centers and/or hubs for telecommunication carrier services. Two single-story warehouse buildings in the rear of the site are used for storage by non-ISE-related tenants, as well as for temporary staging for construction projects within the ISE. The proposed project would allow for the expansion of an existing ISE use by providing 18 additional diesel backup generators for use by the ISE tenants during power outages. In order to provide sufficient area to add the generators, an approximately 16,000-square-foot portion of the southernmost warehouse (Building B) would be demolished and a new building wall constructed at the end of the shortened building. The existing generator service yard would be expanded to include 12 additional concrete pads for new diesel generators that are planned to be installed over a six-year period to meet the demand by new and existing ISE tenants for a backup power source for their operations.
existing generator service yard currently has 17 operational diesel backup generators and empty pad areas available for the future installation of another six generators. As a result of this generator service yard expansion, 18 existing parking spaces in the immediate area would need to be removed from alongside a portion of Building B and would be replaced by up to 21 new parking spaces in the area between the expanded generator service yard and the altered warehouse building. The drive aisle created to access these new parking spaces would provide an emergency vehicle connection between the existing parking areas on the west and east sides of the property. The environmental review also analyzes occupancy of an additional 60,000 square feet within the existing ISE facility.

DETERMINATION:

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on September 26, 2013, the date on which the Planning Commission granted Conditional Use authorization to the project (which was followed by a 30-day appeal period that ended on October 28, 2013). A copy of the document(s) may be examined at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103 in file no. 2012.0153E.

1. A mitigated negative declaration has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. It is available to the public and may be examined at the Planning Department at the above address.

2. A determination has been made that the project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.

3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval.

John Rahaim
Planning Director

By Sarah B. Jones
Environmental Review Officer