



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



TO: Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: John F. Kennedy High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Comment Period for Preliminary Environmental Assessment

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the John F. Kennedy High School Comprehensive Modernization Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations [CCR], Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). An IS/MND is a detailed informational document that analyzes a proposed project's potentially significant environmental impacts, as well as identifying ways to minimize and mitigate such effects. The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft IS/MND. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment Equivalent (PEA-E) has been prepared and is available for review for the Project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 24.7-acre John F. Kennedy High School (Kennedy HS) campus is located at 11254 Gothic Avenue, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. The Project site is not on any list of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project encompasses most of the Kennedy HS campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus, including demolition, construction, and renovation activities. The Project includes demolition and removal of 22 relocatable buildings (containing 30 classrooms) and the construction of a new 20,500-square-foot building (that will provide ten new classrooms). Additionally, the following buildings would be renovated to improve seismic safety: 1) Classroom Buildings #1, #2, and #3; 2) the Library Building; 3) the Science Building; 4) the Student Store Building; 5) the Cafeteria Building; 6) the Oral Arts Building; 7) the Music Building; 8) the Shop Building; and 9) the Adult School Office. Other improvements include campus-wide infrastructure, including domestic water, fire, irrigation, gas, sewer, low voltage (e.g., fire, telephone, data), electrical and storm drainage, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, landscape, hardscape, interior and exterior paint, and window treatments. The Project scope also includes the placement of interim facilities, as necessary and subject to all relevant codes and regulations, to replace facilities and associated functions lost during construction.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064(f)(2) and based on the environmental analysis in the Initial Study, the District has determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the Project.

The PEA-E presents the findings of the environmental investigations performed for this Project and outlines the proposed process for the removal and off-site disposal of the impacted soil. Approximately three (3) cubic yards of impacted soil were removed from the campus as part of a housekeeping action and disposed of off-site in accordance with the conditions presented in the PEA-E.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: LAUSD will make this NOI and the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) available for public review and comment from **November 1, 2019 to December 2, 2019**.

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

CEQA & PEA-E Questions and Comments

LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Mr. Edward Paek, CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

Please include "Kennedy HS Comp Mod" in the subject line

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **November 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the Auditorium at John F. Kennedy High School, located at 11254 Gothic Avenue, Los Angeles, California 91344. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

- LAUSD OEHS, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (by appointment, call 213-241-3199)
- John F. Kennedy High School Main Office, 11254 Gothic Avenue, Los Angeles, California 91344
- LAUSD Local District Northwest: 6621 Balboa Boulevard, Lake Balboa, CA 91406
- Granada Hills Library, 10640 Petit Ave, Granada Hills, CA 91344

The IS/MND & PEA-E are also available on the LAUSD OEHS website at <http://achieve.lausd.net/OEHS>.

LAUSD BOARD MEETING: Additional information concerning the Project will be posted on the OEHS website. The LAUSD Board of Education will consider adoption of the CEQA document and approval of the Project during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD website to find the meeting date and time at <http://laschoolboard.org>.