

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT-EQUIVALENT AND REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

TO: Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties PROJECT TITLE: Ulysses S. Grant High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Comment Period for Preliminary

Environmental Assessment-Equivalent and Removal Action Workplan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study (IS) for the Ulysses S. Grant High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (proposed Project), pursuant to the CEQA (California Public Resources Code, Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. [CEQA Statute] and the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. [CEQA Guidelines]). Based on the IS, LAUSD determined that the proposed Project would have no significant adverse impacts on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The District is providing public notice in compliance with Title 14, Chapter 3, Sections 15072 and 15073 of the California Code of Regulations, as amended. Notice is further given that a Preliminary Environmental Assessment - Equivalent (PEA-E) and Removal Action Workplan (RAW) have been prepared for the proposed Project and are available for review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project site is located at 13000 Oxnard Street, Los Angeles, in Los Angeles County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project consists of site-wide upgrades and modernization of the existing Ulysses S. Grant High School campus, which would include demolition of some structures; construction of new buildings; improvements to the existing campus facilities; upgrades to infrastructure and utilities; and various site-wide upgrades per the Americans with Disabilities Act. The proposed Project is designed to address the most critical physical concerns of the building and grounds at the campus while upgrading, renovating, modernizing, and reconfiguring the campus to provide facilities that are safe, secure, and better aligned with the current instructional program.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), and based on the environmental analysis in the IS, the District has determined that an MND is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the proposed Project.

The PEA-E and RAW present the findings of the environmental investigations performed for this Project and outline the proposed process for the removal and off-site disposal of the impacted soil.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period for the IS/MND, PEA-E, and RAW begins on October 17, 2017 and ends on November 17, 2017.

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

CEQA Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Linda Wilde, CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Email: <u>CEQA-comments@lausd.net</u> Please include "Grant Comp Mod" in the subject line

PEA-E and RAW Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Mr. Andrew Modugno, Environmental
Site Assessment Coordinator
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Email: andrew.modugno@lausd.net

Phone: (213) 241-3433

All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on November 17, 2017.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on October 19, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Ulysses S. Grant High School, 13000 Oxnard Street, Los Angeles, CA 91401. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the IS/MND, PEA-E, and RAW are available during operating hours at:

- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety, 333 South Beaudry Ave., 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (213) 241-3417 (by appointment)
- Ulysses S. Grant High School Library, 13000 Oxnard Street, Los Angeles, CA 91401, (818) 756-2700
- North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library, 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601, (818) 766-7185.
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - o CEQA Initial Study (http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa)
 - PEA-E and RAW (http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment)