



Notice of Preparation



TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a), 15103, and 15375 of the California Code of Regulations

The Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. The Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR in order to provide the widest exposure and opportunity for input from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations, and individuals on the scope of the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: International Studies Learning Center Addition Project

AGENCIES: LAUSD requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: LAUSD requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is located in southeastern Los Angeles County in the City of South Gate. The proposed project would be constructed on an undeveloped portion of the Legacy High School Complex (LHSC) campus located at 5225 Tweedy Boulevard. The project site is approximately 4.9 acres and is generally bound by Tweedy Boulevard to the north, Chakemco Street to the south, Adella Avenue to the east, and an aluminum forger and truck sale business to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is comprised of the following components: (1) an addition to the existing LHSC campus for International Studies Learning Center (ISLC) middle school students; and (2) removal of portable buildings from the South Gate Middle School campus. The ISLC Addition would develop the project site with 16 permanent classrooms, an administration building, a lunch shelter, staff and student restrooms, outdoor basketball/volleyball courts, a surface parking lot with 40 parking spaces, and a multi-purpose room (MPR) and gym. Buildings constructed under the proposed project would be a maximum of two stories tall and up to 27 feet in height. As part of the proposed project, nighttime field lights would be added to the athletic fields planned for the southern portion of the LHSC campus. A separate curbed vehicular drop off and pick up lane would be located along Tweedy Boulevard. Subsequent to the construction of the ISLC addition, approximately 17 classrooms in portable buildings will be removed from the South Gate Middle School campus, located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of the project site at 4100 Firestone Boulevard in the City of South Gate.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: LAUSD has prepared an Initial Study (IS) that describes the potential environmental effects to be analyzed in the EIR. The EIR will include the provision of project alternatives.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: LAUSD has determined to make this NOP and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). LAUSD will accept written comments for the NOP and Initial Study between July 6, 2016 and August 8, 2016.

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

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Your comments may also be sent by email to ceqa-comments@lausd.net and include "International Studies Learning Center Addition Project" in the subject line.

SCOPING MEETING: LAUSD will hold a scoping meeting on **Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM** at Legacy High School Complex Multi-Purpose Room, located at 5225 Tweedy Boulevard in South Gate, California. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study is available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below.

- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Los Angeles 90017
- LAUSD Local District East Office, 2151 N. Soto Street, Los Angeles, 90032
- Legacy High School – International Studies Learning Center Office, 5225 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate 90280
- Leland R. Weaver Library, 4035 Tweedy Boulevard, South Gate, CA 90280

In addition, the NOP/IS is available online at the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety website (<http://achieve.lausd.net/CEQA>).