



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

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

PROJECT TITLE: Ascot Avenue Elementary 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 Equivalent

NOTICE IS HEREBY 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 Ascot Avenue Elementary 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 5.3-acre Ascot Avenue Elementary School (Ascot ES) is located at 1447 East 45th Street, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project encompasses most of the Ascot ES campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus, including demolition, construction, and renovation activities. The Project includes demolition and removal of 18 relocatable buildings and permanent buildings and structures (approximately 59,836 square feet) including: 1) Administrative/Classroom Building (Building No. 1), 2) Auditorium & Classroom Building (No. 2), 3) Cafeteria Building (No. 3), 4) seven Two/Three Unit Relocatable Buildings (Nos. 4, 5, 10, 11, 19, 20, and 21), 5) Storage Unit (No. 7), 6) two Lunch Shelter Buildings (Nos. 13 and 15), 7) three Single Unit Relocatable Buildings (Nos. 16, 17, and 23), 8) Sanitary Relocatable Building (No. 18), and 9) Food Service Relocatable Building (No. 22); construction of approximately 63,773 square feet of new classroom and administrative buildings, new playground areas and parking areas; and modernization of the existing Sanitary & Classroom, Kindergarten, Classroom, and New 3-Story Parking & Classroom buildings (Nos. 6, 8, 9, and 14). 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, and exterior paint.

Prior to construction of the new facilities, the District proposes to remove up to approximately 2,000 cubic yards of soil with elevated concentrations of lead from the campus and dispose of it off-site in accordance with the conditions that are presented in the PEA-E.

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 focus of the IS/MND will be on the potential significant effects of the Project related to noise. 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.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: LAUSD will make this NOI and the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) and PEA-E available for public review and comment from **March 28, 2019 to April 26, 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

Los Angeles Unified School District
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 "Ascot ES Comp Mod" in the subject line

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:00 PM** in the auditorium at Ascot Avenue Elementary School, 1447 East 45th Street, Los Angeles, California 90017. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

- LAUSD, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (by appointment, call 213.241.4676)
- Ascot Avenue Elementary School Main Office, 1447 East 45th Street, Los Angeles, California 90017
- Vernon-Leon H. Washington Memorial Branch Library, 4504 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011
- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - CEQA IS/MND (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
 - PEA-E (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)