



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

TO: Agencies, Organizations, Property Owners, and Interested Parties
PROJECT TITLE: Belvedere Middle School Comprehensive Modernization Project
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Public Comment Period for a Preliminary Environmental Assessment Equivalent

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 Belvedere Middle 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 and identifies 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 concurrently available for review for the Project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 12.1-acre Belvedere Middle School (Belvedere MS) is located at 312 North Record Avenue, Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. The site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (also known as the Cortese List).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project encompasses most of the Belvedere MS campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus, including demolition, construction, and renovation activities as a part of the School Upgrade Program. The Project includes demolition and removal of existing buildings and structures including: Main Administrative Building (Building No. 1), Storage Unit 2 (No. 6), Classroom Building #2- Math Lab (No. 7), Physical Education Building (No. 11), Home Economics/Cafeteria (No. 12), Lunch Shelter (No. 13), Utility Building (No.14), Shop Building (No. 15), Storage Unit #1 (No. 16), Green House (No. 17), Agriculture Classroom (No. 19), Classroom Building #1 (No. 20), Academic Building (No. 21), Existing Building (No. 25), New Lunch Shelter (No. 26) and Flammable Storage (No. 27). The Project also includes the construction of new classroom and administrative buildings, new physical education/athletic facilities, shared support areas and maintenance and operations buildings; and modernization of the existing Main Administration Building (No. 1) and Classroom and Library Building (No. 2). Other improvements include campus-wide infrastructure, including upgrades to outdated infrastructure such as utilities and irrigation, lighting, fencing gates, CCTV systems, 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 850 cubic yards of soil 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 is on the potential significant effects of the Project related to construction 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 impacted soil.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072, LAUSD will make the IS/MND and PEA-E available for public review and comment from **November 20, 2019 to December 27, 2019**.

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

Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety
Attention: Ms. Christy Wong, Assistant CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Email: CEQA-comments@lausd.net

Please include "Belvedere MS Comp Mod" in the subject line

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 6:00 PM at Belvedere MS Auditorium** All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Hardcopies of the IS/MND are 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 213.241.3394)
- Belvedere Middle School Main Office, 312 North Record Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90063
- Anthony Quinn Library, 3965 East Cesar E Chavez Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90063

The IS/MND and PEA-E are also available electronically on the LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:

- CEQA IS/MND (<http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa>)
- PEA-E (<http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>)

LAUSD BOARD MEETING: The LAUSD Board of Education will consider adoption of the CEQA document and approval of the Project during a regularly scheduled public meeting. Check the LAUSD website periodically for the meeting date, time, and location at <http://laschoolboard.org>.