



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

PROJECT TITLE: North Hollywood 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

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 North Hollywood High School (HS) Comprehensive Modernization Project (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) Report has been prepared for the proposed Project and is available for review.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 25.1 acre North Hollywood HS campus is located at 5231 Colfax Avenue, North Hollywood, Los Angeles County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project consists of site-wide upgrades and modernization of the existing North Hollywood High School campus. The proposed Project includes the demolition and removal of 12 buildings and 23 portables and the construction of a new classroom building, a new gymnasium, and a new auditorium. Other improvements to the existing campus facilities include upgrades to infrastructure and utilities and various site-wide upgrades per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Student capacity at North Hollywood HS will not increase due to the proposed Project. 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 present the findings of the site assessment investigations performed for this Project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The public review period for the IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15073(a)) and PEA-E Report begins on November 28, 2017 and ends on December 28, 2017.

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

<u>CEQA Questions and Comments</u> Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety Attention: William Meade, CEQA Project Manager 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Email: <u>CEQA-comments@lausd.net</u> Please include "NoHo Comp Mod" in the subject line PEA-E Questions and Comments

Los Angeles Unified School District Office of Environmental Health and Safety Attention: Steven Morrill, Site Assessment Project Manager 333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 Email: steven.morrill@lausd.net Phone: (213) 241-4672

All comments must be received by 5:00 pm on December 28, 2017.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on November 29, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the North Hollywood High School Auditorium, 5231 Colfax Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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

- LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety, 333 South Beaudry Ave., 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017, (by appointment, call 213.241.3199)
- North Hollywood High School Library, 5231 Colfax Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601, (818) 753-6200
- North Hollywood Amelia Earhart Regional Library, 5211 Tujunga Avenue, North Hollywood, CA 91601, (818) 766-7185.
- LAUSD Local District Northeast Office, 8401 Arleta Avenue, Sun Valley, CA 91352
 - LAUSD Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - o CEQA IS/MND (http://achieve.lausd.net/ceqa)
 - o PEA-E (http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment)