



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



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

**PROJECT TITLE:** Shenandoah Street 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 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 Shenandoah Street 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 7.6-acre Shenandoah Street Elementary School (Shenandoah ES) campus is located at 2450 Shenandoah Street (Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 4301-018-900) in the community of South Robertson in the City of Los Angeles in Los Angeles County. The Project site is not on any list of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (Cortese List).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed Project encompasses most of the Shenandoah ES campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus, including construction of new school facilities, improvements to existing school facilities, placement of interim facilities during construction and the demolition of certain aging and deteriorated facilities. The Project would include removal of 33 classrooms currently in portable buildings. In their place, a new two-story classroom building (Classroom Building 300) approximately 32,290 square feet in size with 19 general and kindergarten classrooms with instructional support spaces would be constructed.

**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 PEA-E presents a thorough field sampling and analysis program to identify hazardous substances that impacted the site and assesses their potential human health and ecological risks. The recommendation of the PEA-E is the completion of a Removal Action Workplan (RAW) to address the cleanup of shallow soils below asphalt pavement with arsenic and lead levels above environmental screening levels.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** LAUSD will make this IS/MND (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15072) and PEA-E available for public review and comment from **January 15, 2020 to February 17, 2020**.

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

### CEQA & PEA-E Questions and Comments

LAUSD 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](mailto:CEQA-comments@lausd.net)

*Please include "Shenandoah ES Comp Mod" in the subject line*

**PUBLIC MEETING:** LAUSD will hold a public meeting on **January 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM** in the Auditorium at Shenandoah Street Elementary School, located at 2450 Shenandoah Street, Los Angeles, California 90034. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/MND and PEA-E 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)
- Shenandoah Street Elementary School Main Office, 2450 Shenandoah Street, Los Angeles, California 90034
- Robertson Branch Library, 1719 S. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90035
- 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:** Additional information concerning the Project will be posted on the OEHS website. The LAUSD Board of Education will consider adoption of the CEQA document and approval of the Project during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD website to find the meeting date and time at <http://laschoolboard.org>.