



Los Angeles Unified School District



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of Draft Environmental Impact Report

DATE: April 10, 2017

TO: Agencies, Organizations, Parents, and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: International Studies Learning Center Addition Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (District or LAUSD), as lead agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the International Studies Learning Center Addition Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California 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]). The purpose of this notice is to solicit comments regarding the content of the DEIR.

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 a truck sale business are located to the west. In accordance with Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, the site is listed by the state as an active hazardous materials cleanup site.

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.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The DEIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts related to the following factors:

- Cumulative Traffic
- Construction Noise and Vibration

PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD: The DEIR will be available for review and comment during the 45 day public review period from **Monday April 10, 2017 to May 24, 2017**. Written comments may be sent by e-mail to CEQA-comments@lausd.net (please include "ISLC Addition Project" in the subject heading) or mailed to:

LAUSD Office of Environmental Health & Safety
Attn: Edward S. Paek, AICP, CEQA Project Manager
333 South Beaudry Avenue, 21st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

All comments must be received by 5:00pm on May 24, 2017.

PUBLIC MEETING: LAUSD will hold a public meeting on Thursday **April 27, 2017 at 6:00 PM** at Legacy High School Complex Multi-Purpose Room, located at 5225 Tweedy Boulevard in South Gate, California. All agencies, organizations, parents, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DEIR 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

The DEIR is also available online at the Office of Environmental Health & Safety website (<http://achieve.lausd.net/CEQA>)

LAUSD BOARD MEETING: Additional information concerning the proposed project will be posted on the OEHS website. The LAUSD Board of Education will consider this item during a regularly scheduled meeting. Check the LAUSD website to find the meeting date and time at <http://laschoolboard.org>. The Board meeting will be held in the Board Room at the District Headquarters located at 333 S. Beaudry Avenue in Los Angeles, CA.