



NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR A REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Roosevelt High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a), 15103, and 15375 of the California Code of Regulations and Notice of Public Comment Period for Removal Action Workplan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. The Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the EIR and Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) in order to provide the widest exposure and opportunity for input from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations, and individuals on the scope of the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The 22.7 acre Project site is located at 456 S. Mathews Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles. 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 Roosevelt High School (HS) campus and consists of the comprehensive modernization of the campus with new classrooms, a gymnasium, a lunch shelter, and an auditorium. Other improvements include campus-wide infrastructure, including domestic water, fire, irrigation, gas, sewer, low voltage (fire, telephone, data), electrical and storm drainage, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, landscape, hardscape, and exterior paint. 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.

Prior to construction of the new facilities, the District proposes to remove approximately 7,000 cubic yards of soil with elevated concentrations of arsenic and/or lead from the campus and dispose of it off-site in accordance with the conditions that are presented in the RAW.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), and based on the environmental analysis in the Initial Study, the District has determined that an EIR is the appropriate level of environmental documentation for the Project. Environmental factors that will be analyzed in the EIR are: Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Pedestrian Safety, and Transportation and Traffic.

The RAW 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 NOP and the Initial Study (pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b)) and RAW available for public review and comment from **October 18, 2017** and **November 16, 2017**.

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

CEQA Questions and Comments

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Please include "Roosevelt Comp Mod" in the subject line

RAW Questions and Comments

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SCOPING MEETING: LAUSD will hold a scoping meeting on **Wednesday, November 1, 2016** at **6:00 PM** in the cafeteria at Roosevelt High School, located at 456 S. Mathews Street in Los Angeles, California. All agencies, organizations, and interested parties are encouraged to attend.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study and RAW are 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, CA 90017
- Roosevelt High School Library, 456 S. Mathews Street, Los Angeles, California 90033
- Benjamin Franklin Public Library, 2200 E 1st St, Los Angeles, CA 90033
- Office of Environmental Health and Safety Website:
 - CEQA Initial Study <http://achieve.lausd.net/CEQA>
 - RAW <http://achieve.lausd.net/siteassessment>