

Addendum No. 1

Roosevelt High School Comprehensive Modernization Project 2018 Environmental Impact Report

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ADDENDUM

1. Project Title

Roosevelt High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

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4. Purpose of Addendum

This addendum to the Roosevelt High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (Project) Environmental Impact Report (EIR) analyzes potential environmental impacts that will result from changes to the Project description since adoption of the EIR by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education on May 8, 2018 (Board of Education Report No. 437 -17/18).

Criteria for Preparation of an Addendum to the Previous EIR

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, provide that an addendum to a previously certified EIR can be prepared for a project if the criteria and conditions summarized below are satisfied:

- *No Substantial Project Changes:* There are no substantial changes proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- *No Substantial Changes in Circumstances:* Substantial changes have not occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- *No Substantial New Information:* There is no new information of substantial importance which was not known or could not have been known at the time of the previous EIR that shows any of the following:

- (a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR;
- (b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;
- (c) Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible will, in fact, be feasible and will substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternatives; or
- (d) Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR will substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.

The Project as revised, and as described in this addendum, does not create any of the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines that call for the preparation of a subsequent EIR. No new significant impacts will occur, and no previously examined significant effects will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR. Thus, an addendum to the certified EIR is the appropriate environmental documentation to analyze the potential environmental impacts that will result from the refinement to the Project description.

5. Project Location

The Project location for the activities are the Roosevelt High School (Roosevelt HS) campus. Limited Project-related activities (as described in this Addendum) will occur within the track/field and baseball/softball field portions of the Roosevelt HS campus. This addendum will evaluate the minor changes to the Project.

Roosevelt HS is a 22.7-acre site, located at 456 South Mathews Street, Los Angeles, 90033, within the County of Los Angeles. While the Roosevelt HS Comprehensive Modernization Project comprises almost the entire school campus, this addendum is only concerned with a portion of the existing track/field and the baseball/softball field which are located in the northeastern and south eastern portions of the campus respectively. These areas will be collectively referred to in this Addendum as the athletic areas.

Roosevelt HS is bounded East 4th Street to the north, East 6th Street to the south, South Mathews Street to the west, and South Mott Street to the east. Regional access to the Project site is provided by the adjacent roads from the junction, as well as from Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 5 (I-5) from the southwest, U.S. Highway 101 from the north, and State Route 60 from the south. Local access is provided via East 4th Street along the northern boundary of the site and S. Soto Street to the northwest.

6. General Plan Designation

Public Facilities

7. Project Introduction

The EIR for the Roosevelt HS Comprehensive Modernization Project was certified by the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) on May 8, 2018. Since the EIR was certified, additional funding was identified (via Measure RR) that enabled the Project to include additional upgrades that were previously not a part of the Project. The desire to expand both the athletic areas to regulation size was noted in the certified EIR. The anticipated construction completion date for these athletic field updates is Q1 2025.

This addendum to the Roosevelt HS Comprehensive Modernization Project EIR has been prepared in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, to determine whether the Project will result in a new significant effect on the environment that was not previously identified in the 2018 EIR. The LAUSD Board of Education is the lead agency for the Roosevelt HS Comprehensive Modernization Project.

8. Project Overview

The Project analyzed in the 2018 EIR analyzed implementation of the Roosevelt HS Comprehensive Modernization Project, including the demolition and/or relocation of some of the existing structures on the Project site. Major components of the Project entail modernizing the campus with new classrooms, a gymnasium, a lunch shelter, and an auditorium. Other improvements include campus-wide infrastructure. 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.

The Project includes the demolition of temporary buildings and permanent buildings that have been determined to be structurally compromised beyond repair and/or aging; deteriorating; and which do not meet current educational requirements; construction of the following buildings: Classroom/Administration Building North, Auditorium and Performing Arts Building, Classroom Building South, Gymnasium Building, Lunch Shelter, and Wellness Center; and various site-wide upgrades to improve landscaping through the campus, and complete infrastructure improvements 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.

9. Refinement of the Project Scope

The scope of the refined Project includes upgrades to the athletic areas. Specifically, the track and field will be enlarged to a competition sized track and full-sized football field. The football field has existing sports lighting that will be removed and replaced. Concessions, restrooms, and bleachers will also be added to these fields. The existing baseball/softball field will also be enlarged, and new lights will be added to it.

The refined Project will be implemented per all applicable local and State regulations, as well as all District Standards and Specifications; such as the mitigation measures and District's Standard Conditions of Approval as outlined in the 2018 Project EIR, and all construction requirements designed to limit potential impacts. The refined Project will not cause an increase in student capacity or enrollment and will not have an impact on the intensity of use of school facilities. While lights will be added to the athletic fields to permit the use of these facilities during inclement weather or alternate hours; these facilities are being designed as an extension of the current uses and for use by the existing students and community at large that currently have access to the campus. The beneficiaries of the refined Project include students and staff at Roosevelt HS and, subject to availability, the community at large, who may request access to the facilities and grounds of the campus pursuant to the Civic Center Act (CA Ed. Code Sections 38130 - 38139).

The 2018 Project EIR evaluated impacts related to air quality, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, pedestrian safety, and transportation and traffic. Impacts related to air quality, pedestrian safety, and transportation and traffic were reduced to a less than significant level. A Pipeline Safety Hazard Assessment (PHSA) was completed before the EIR was certified which reduced hazards and hazardous materials impacts to a less than significant level. However, impacts related to cultural resources and noise remained significant and unavoidable despite the implementation of mitigation measures.

AIR QUALITY

Less-than-Significant Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will not conflict with the Air Quality Attainment Plan (AQMP) that is regulated by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD);
- Will not substantially violate SCAQMD air quality standards or generate emissions above SCAQMD daily significance thresholds or the applicable requirements outlined in Rule 401, Rule 402, Rule 403, Rule 1466) during construction or operation of the Project;

- Will not generate cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the Project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard;
- Will not expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations;
- Will not create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people. Construction odors will be temporary in nature and are not expected to affect a substantial number of people, and operational odors will be less than significant with implementation of appropriate LAUSD maintenance and waste management practices; and
- Will not expose sensitive receptors to increased level of pollutant concentration in proximity to freeways and major roadways.

Consistent with the certified EIR, the refined Project will include the implementation of Standard Conditions of Approval (SCs) SC-AQ-1 through SC-AQ-5, best management practices (BMPs) such as watering to control dust. The refined Project scope was anticipated in the certified EIR so the refined Project will include the expansion of athletic space into existing athletic space and spaces that will be cleared as a part of the ongoing comprehensive modernization efforts. The refined the refined Project will include the development of several small structures (i.e., concessions, restrooms, and bleachers) but they will replace existing facilities and the scale of these structures is significantly smaller than the ongoing demolition and construction that was analyzed in the certified EIR. Therefore, changes to the Project since certification of the EIR will not result in any new or exacerbated significant environmental effects to air quality that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Significant and Unavoidable Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will have a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5;

An Initial Study was prepared that determined the Project would have a less than significant impact or no impact related to the following thresholds:

- Will not have a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5;
- Will not directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resources or site or unique geologic feature; and
- Will not disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries.

Mitigation Measure (MM) MM-CUL-1 through MM-CUL-3 as well as SC-CUL-2 through SC-CUL-4, SC-CUL-6 through SC-CUL-11, and SC-CUL-13 were applied to the Project.

However, despite the implementation of these measures (including an Interpretive Plan), impacts to historical resources on the Roosevelt HS campus would remain significant and unavoidable. The campus would no longer be eligible as a historic district in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Resources. The significant and unavoidable cultural resources impact associated with the Project, required the Board of Education to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Findings of Facts.

The baseball/softball field is not a part of the Roosevelt HS historic district. However, the track/field did include contributors to the historic district that were previously analyzed for removal in the certified EIR. The athletic field upgrades will primarily be replaced in-kind and may extend to areas where buildings will be removed as a part of the Comprehensive Modernization. Since the removal of contributors and the resulting ineligibility of the historic district has already been analyzed and was determined to be significant and unavoidable, the refined Project will not have the potential to further result in new or exacerbated significant environmental effects to cultural resources that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Less-than-Significant Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials;
- Will not create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment;
- Will not emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within 0.25 mile of an existing or proposed school;
- Will not be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment;
- Will not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the Project area (with regards to the campus' proximity to public/private airports);
- Will not impair the implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan; and
- Will not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands.

Additionally, the Project was determined to have less-than-significant impacts related to the health and safety screening factors outlined in Title 5 of the California Code of Regulation Section 14010 as provided in the California Department of Education's (CDE) School Site Selection and Approval Guide.

While it was noted in the EIR that the campus is located with 1,500 feet of an existing high-pressure natural gas pipeline, a PHSA was completed for the campus prior to the certification of the EIR and found that the risk would be below the threshold. MM-HAZ-1 (which required the preparation of a PHSA – so it has been completed); as well as SC-AQ-1, SC-CUL-10, SC-T-4, SC-USS-1, and SC-HWQ-3 were applied to the Project. The refined Project will be located within the previously analyzed campus footprint. As such, the refined Project will not have the potential to further result in new or exacerbated significant environmental effects to cultural resources that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

NOISE

Significant And Unavoidable Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies;
- Will not expose persons to or generate excessive ground-borne vibration or ground-borne noise levels with the implementation of mitigation;
- Will not cause a substantial or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity above levels existing without the Project;
- Will cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise level in the vicinity above levels existing without the Project; and
- Is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or public use airport. Will not expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels.

In addition to MM-NOI-1 through MM-NOI-12 as well as SC-AQ-2, SC-NOI-1, and SC-NOI-9, source controls and receptor controls were applied to the Project. LAUSD will also require its construction contractors to implement LAUSD noise-related BMPs to mitigate construction noise to a less than significant level. However, construction haul truck noise would exceed noise standards and even with implementation of Standard Conditions of Approval and a Mitigation Measures, impacts would be significant and unavoidable.

The refined Project will contribute additional noise sources during the Project's construction. As with the Project as analyzed in EIR, construction phasing for the refined Project will vary and would include a mix of equipment, vehicles and tools that

have the potential to add to the noise sources associated with the Project. The EIR has already determined that the construction related noise impacts were significant and unavoidable and required the Board of Education to adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Findings of Facts. While it would not be anticipated to generate the same noise levels as the Comprehensive Modernization activities due to the limited activities and construction areas associate with the refined Project, the refined Project scope will be consistent with the significant and unavoidable construction-related noise impacts as analyzed in the certified EIR and will not result in any new significant environmental effects related to noise that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Less-than-Significant Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will not substantially increase vehicular and/or pedestrian safety hazards due to a design feature or incompatible use;
- Will not create unsafe routes to schools for students walking from local neighborhoods; and
- Will be located on an existing campus and will not become closer to a major arterial roadway or freeway that may pose a safety hazard.

The refined Project will create negligible pedestrian impacts since the current Project includes existing pedestrian access and safety measures that will limit the potential for the refined Project to result in new or increased pedestrian impacts. These measures include SC-PED-1 through SC-PED-5, SC-T-3, SC-T-4, and MM-PED-1 which would maintain safety of pedestrian routes of local neighborhoods during Project construction activities by limiting construction truck access during peak school drop-off/pick-up hours. Therefore, the implementation of the refined Project will not result in any new significant environmental effects related to pedestrian safety that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

Less-than-Significant Impact. As described in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project:

- Will not conflict with applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system;
- Will not conflict with an applicable congestion management program or exceed a level of service standard established by the County Congestion Management Agency for designated roads or highways;
- Will not result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks;

- Will not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible use;
- Will not result in inadequate emergency access; and
- Will not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities.

As outlined in the 2018 Project EIR, the Project will implement SC-PED-1 through SC-PED-5, and SC-T-3 through SC-T-5 to ensure that traffic related impacts remain at levels that are less than significant. Implementation of the refined Project may temporarily add a limited number of construction vehicles to the campus but will not result in impacts to transportation and traffic. The refined Project will not increase enrollment at Roosevelt HS and will not increase local population. Therefore, the refined Project is not expected to result in a significant number of additional vehicle trips. As such, the changes to the Project will not result in any new traffic or transportation related impacts and will not result in a substantial increase in the severity of the environmental impacts evaluated in the EIR. Therefore, changes to the Project since certification of the EIR will not result in any new significant environmental effects to traffic or transportation that will require preparation of a supplemental EIR.

BOARD APPROVAL

The refined Project definition will be approved by the LAUSD Board of Education as a design-build project in 2021.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Consistent with the ongoing Comprehensive Modernization at the campus, the school and local community will be notified of all relevant construction milestones through the following outlets:

- LAUSD Facilities Services Division website (<https://www.laschools.org/new-site/community-relations/>)
- Roosevelt High School website (<https://roosevelthhs-laUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/>)
- Periodic Bulletins/Fliers
- As-Needed Public Meetings