

**Addendum No. 2**

**Venice High School Comprehensive  
Modernization Project  
2017 Negative Declaration**

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# ADDENDUM

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**1. Project Title**

Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project

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**4. Purpose of Addendum**

This addendum to the Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project (Project) Negative Declaration (ND) analyzes potential environmental impacts that will result from changes to the Project description since adoption of the ND by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Board of Education on May 9, 2017 (Board of Education Report No. 506 -16/17).

Criteria for Preparation of an Addendum to the Previous ND

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Sections 15162 and 15164, provide that an addendum to a previously certified ND 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 ND 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 ND 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 ND that shows any of the following:

- (a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous ND;
- (b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous ND;
- (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 ND 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 ND. No new significant impacts will occur, and no previously examined significant effects will be substantially more severe than shown in the ND. Thus, an addendum to the adopted ND 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 Venice High School (Venice HS) campus. Limited Project-related activities (as described in this Addendum) will occur on a portion of the Venice HS garden located on the northwest portion of the campus. This addendum will evaluate minor changes to the Project at this location.

Venice HS is approximately 29-acres, located at 13000 Venice Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90066, within the County of Los Angeles. While the Venice HS Comprehensive Modernization Project comprises almost the entire school campus, this addendum is only concerned with a portion of the existing garden that is adjacent to the Classroom Buildings “A” and Building “B”. Venice HS is located within the Venice Community Plan area, one of the 35 community planning areas that makes up the Land Use Element for the City of Los Angeles General Plan. The school campus is approximately 2.1 miles south of State Route 10, 1.7 miles west of State Route 405, 1 mile north of State Route 90, and 1.9 miles east of the Pacific Ocean.

## **6. General Plan Designation**

Public Facilities

## **7. Project Introduction**

The ND for the Venice HS Comprehensive Modernization Project was adopted by the Governing Board of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) on

May 9, 2017. Since adoption of the Project ND, it has been determined that five structures within the Venice HS garden area: a greenhouse, lath house, two storage units and storage unit M-425 will be abated and demolished. These demolition activities will be completed in approximately three months. In addition, it has been determined that the roots of up to 20 trees may be impacted by these activities; (6) six of the trees will need to be removed as part of the Project.

This addendum to the Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project ND 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 2017 ND. The LAUSD Board of Education is the lead agency for the Venice HS Comprehensive Modernization Project.

## **8. Project Overview**

The Project analyzed in the 2017 ND contemplated implementation of the Venice 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 the 1) demolition of up to approximately 122,600 square feet of existing structures and portables, 2) construction of up to approximately 101,882 square feet of new buildings and structures, 3) upgrades to facilities throughout the campus, 4) improvements to comply with federal, state and local facilities requirements, and 5) interim facilities (on and off-site), as necessary and subject to all relevant codes and regulations, including CEQA, to mitigate the impact of the possible displacement of any facilities and associated functions on the Project site during construction.

The Project includes the demolition of the Competitive Gymnasium Building, Practice Gymnasium Building, Shop Buildings, Utility Building, and approximately 14 classrooms located in portable buildings. New facilities will be constructed including 30 classrooms and support spaces, a Gymnasium, new bleachers (and resurfacing of the grass field and track in the football stadium), and new bleachers and a backstop for the baseball field. Various site-wide upgrades to remove identified and prioritized barriers to program accessibility per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA; 42 U.S. Code Chapter 126), and to address aging and outdated sanitary sewer, water, electrical utilities and storm water facilities will also be undertaken.

Addendum #1 was completed in 2018 to evaluate the removal of two additional trees, transplant of one tree, and use of tennis courts at Mark Twain Middle School during construction of the Project.

## 9. Refinement of the Project Scope

The scope of the refined Project, was previously updated in 2018 to include creating interim recreational facilities to support Venice HS by converting six (6) existing paddle ball courts at Mark Twain MS to four (4) tennis courts and restriping to create one (1) accessible parking space. The Project was also updated to include the required removal of two (2) additional trees, one (1) California Sycamore and one (1) Silk Floss tree, and the transplant of one (1) additional Live Oak tree.

The current Project refinements consists of the demolition of five structures (four permanent and one relocatable) located within the Venice HS garden area: a greenhouse, lath house, two storage units and relocatable storage unit M-425 will be abated and demolished. Demolition of these structure will impact the roots of (6) six adjacent trees that will need to be removed as a result. An additional (14) fourteen trees will potentially be impacted by the demolition activities. All trees removed from the Project site will follow the guidelines outlined in the LAUSD OEHS Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure.<sup>1</sup>

The garden area abatement, demolition, and tree removal activities at Venice HS are consistent with the analyses and findings within the adopted 2017 ND. The ND and Addendum #1 for the Project included an assessment for the removal of 68 trees from the campus and found that the removal will not result in a significant impact. The subsequent removal of (6) six additional trees will not change the determination provided in the adopted ND or Addendum #1.<sup>2</sup> The remaining up to (14) tree that may be impacted will be evaluated on a case by cases basis.

The refined Project will be implemented per all applicable local and State regulations, as well as all District Standards and Specifications; such as the District's Standard Conditions of Approval as outlined in the 2017 Project ND, the Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure, and all construction measures 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. The beneficiaries of the refined Project include students and staff at each of the respective schools and, subject to availability, the community at large, who may request access to the facilities and grounds of the campuses pursuant to the Civic Center Act (CA Ed. Code Sections 38130 - 38139).

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<sup>1</sup> LAUSD OEHS Tree Trimming and Protection Procedure. Report. 2018. Accessed October 9, 2020. [https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/135/LAUSD\\_Tree\\_Protection\\_Procedure.pdf](https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/Domain/135/LAUSD_Tree_Protection_Procedure.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> Venice High School Comprehensive Modernization Project. Report. April 2018. Accessed August 2018. [https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/domain/135/ceqa/01\\_Initial\\_Study-Negative\\_Declaration.pdf](https://achieve.lausd.net/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/domain/135/ceqa/01_Initial_Study-Negative_Declaration.pdf).

## AIR QUALITY AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

**Less-than-Significant Impact.** As described in the 2017 Project ND, 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 generate emissions above SCAQMD daily significance thresholds during construction (with implementation of Rule 403) 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.

Additionally, as described in the 2017 ND, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions generated by construction operation of the Project will be approximately 936 metric tons CO<sub>2e</sub> total from 2018 to 2020; however, the Project will incorporate energy efficiency features that will help to reduce Project-related GHG emissions. Implementation of refined Project scope, specifically, the additional demolition associated with the refined Project, will be a fraction of the 936 metric tons evaluated for the Project. The refinements to the Project will result in negligible impacts related to air quality and GHG emissions. When combined, the Project's GHG emissions will remain below the SCAQMD's significance threshold of 3,000 tons per year of CO<sub>2e</sub>. Consequently, the Project alone will not cause significant GHG emissions, and its GHG emissions will be less than cumulatively considerable.

The Project will include best management practices (BMPs) such as watering to control dust. Additionally, all trees removed from the Venice HS will be removed in accordance with the LAUSD OEHS Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure. The refined Project scope does not include the construction of any new buildings or structures and as such will not result in any new impacts related to air quality or GHGs. Therefore, changes to the Project since adoption of the ND will not result in any new significant environmental effects to air quality and GHGs that will require preparation of a supplemental ND.

## BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

**Less-than-Significant Impact.** As described in the 2017 Project ND, the Project:

- Will not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service;
- Will not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service;
- Will not have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by § 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means;
- Will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites;
- Will not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance; and
- Will not conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

Additionally, as described in the 2017 ND, the site is landscaped and developed and is surround by residential and commercial land uses which are land cover types that do not contain listed or sensitive plant or wildlife species. Three species of native trees, one California bay tree (*Umbellularia californica*), one coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) and California sycamores (*Platanus racemosa*), are located on the campus. As previously noted, tree removal activities will comply with the District's Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure which requires the completion of nesting bird surveys (during nesting season and the replacement of protected trees at a 4:1 ratio. Thus, the refined work scope will not result in any new biological resources impacts, and will not result in a substantial increase in the severity of the environmental impacts evaluated in the ND. Therefore, changes to the Project since adoption of the ND will not result in any new significant environmental effects to biological resources that will require preparation of a supplemental ND.

## NOISE

**Less-than-Significant Impact.** As described in the 2017 Project ND, the Project:

- Will not 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;
- Will not cause a substantial or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project;
- Will not cause a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise level in the project 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.

LAUSD will require its construction contractors to implement LAUSD noise-related BMPs to mitigate construction noise to a less than significant level. This will include the following practices:

- Ensure that all equipment is properly muffled.
- Place noise sources away from residences as feasible.
- Conduct construction activities in compliance with local noise ordinances.
- Provide advanced notice of the start of construction to all noise-sensitive receptors, businesses, and residences adjacent to the Project site.
- Designate a contact person and provide facilitation in the event that noise levels become disruptive to local residents.
- Locate all portable equipment and storing and maintain other equipment as far as possible from adjacent residents and noise-sensitive receptors.

The 2017 ND determined that both construction and operation of the Project will not involve any activities with the potential to cause substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the Project vicinity above existing noise levels without the Project (with the implementation of standard conditions).

Refinements to the Project, including the garden area abatement, demolition, and tree removal activities, will not result in additional impacts related to noise. The revised Project will not make changes to the noise volumes that were previously studied in the adopted ND. Thus, the refined work scope will not result in any new noise related impacts, and will not result in a substantial increase in the severity of the environmental impacts evaluated in the ND. Therefore, the refined Project scope since adoption of the ND will not result in any new significant environmental effects related to noise that will require preparation of a supplemental ND.

## PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

**Less-than-Significant Impact.** As described in the 2017 Project ND, 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.

Implementation of the refined Project will create negligible pedestrian traffic impacts as existing pedestrian access and safety measures are already in use at the campus. The garden area abatement, demolition, and tree removal activities at Venice HS also will not increase enrollment or pedestrian traffic around the campus. As a result, the refined Project scope will not result in any new impacts related to pedestrian safety, and will not result in an increase in the severity of the environmental impacts evaluated in the ND. Therefore, the implementation of the refined Project since adoption of the ND will not result in any new significant environmental effects related to pedestrian safety that will require preparation of a supplemental ND.

## TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC

**Less-than-Significant Impact.** As described in the 2017 Project ND, 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. Venice HS and Mark Twain MS were constructed before January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966, before the application of Education Code Section 17215. Additionally, the Project sites are not located in the airport influence area for the Santa Monica Municipal Airport which is scheduled to close in 2028;
- Will not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or incompatible use;
- Will not result in inadequate emergency access;
- 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 2017 Project ND, the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program (CMP) requires evaluation of all CMP arterial monitoring intersections where the Project adds 50 or more new peak hour trips. The Project will not add 50 or more new peak hour trips, therefore, will not require an evaluation of all CMP arterial monitoring intersections.

Implementation of the refined Project may temporarily add a limited number of construction vehicles to the campus will not result in impacts to transportation and traffic. The Project will not increase enrollment at Venice HS and will not increase local population. Therefore, the 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 ND. Therefore, changes to the Project since adoption of the ND will not result in any new significant environmental effects to traffic or transportation that will require preparation of a supplemental ND.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This section discusses the public outreach efforts that have been made regarding implementation of the garden area abatement, demolition, and tree removal activities at Lincoln HS. Up to the publishing of this addendum, one round of demolition notices, have been distributed in the local neighborhoods, in both English and Spanish (Appendix A). A copy of the notice (in both English and Spanish) was also posted on the Venice HS webpage.

# APPENDIX

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## **APPENDIX A      Demolition Notices**

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**Figure 1 - Demolition Notice, English**



# — NOTICE —

## Demolition Activity at Venice High School

Five structures within the Venice High School garden area will be abated and demolished to ensure everyone's health and safety. Demolition of the buildings and their foundations will impact the roots of six adjacent trees requiring their removal. Additionally, the roots of 14 other trees near the structures being demolished may be impacted and will be evaluated to ensure they do not create a safety concern.

The abatement and demolition will be in accordance with District procedures and standards of local and state agencies. Work areas will be fenced off for safety.

### **ABATEMENT & DEMOLITION SCHEDULE:**

**Demolition Work Location:** Venice HS Agricultural Garden Area

**Demolition Work Dates:** November 16, 2020 — January 15, 2021

**Work Hours:** • Monday-Friday: 7 am to 3:30 pm • Saturdays: 7 am to 3:30 pm

### **APPROXIMATE TIMELINE:**

- 11-16 TO 11-27: DISCONNECT UTILITIES, MOBILIZE & TEMPORARY FENCING
- 11-23 TO 11-27: INTERIOR-EXTERIOR PAINT STABILIZATION OF ALL BUILDINGS
- 11-30 TO 12-11: ABATEMENT OF ASBESTOS
- 12-14 TO 12-25: ABATEMENT OF LEAD
- 12-28 TO 01-15: DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS

### **DURING DEMOLITION WORK YOU MAY SEE:**

- Inspectors & experts with technical equipment gear such as respirators and special clothing
- Intermittent traffic of construction vehicles
- Some noise, dust and vibrations originating from work areas

### **MEASURES TO MINIMIZE IMPACT:**

- All work areas will be fenced-off for safety
- Continuous watering to control dust
- Work during hours permitted by City of LA
- No construction noise after 9 p.m.
- No construction work on Sundays

PLEASE STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE DURING THIS DIFFICULT PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS.

**OUR CONSTRUCTION SITES OBSERVE ALL COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES MANDATED BY THE STATE**

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATIONAL ISSUES AND THE **PANDEMIC** PLEASE CALL **LAUSD'S HOTLINE** AT: (213) 443-1300

**Figure 2 - Demolition Notice, Spanish**



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# — AVISO —

## Actividades de Demolición en Venice High School

Cinco estructuras en el jardín de Venice High School serán depuestas y demolidas para no arriesgar la salud y seguridad de los usuarios. La demolición de los inmuebles y sus cimientos afectará las raíces de seis árboles adyacentes y requerirá su retiro. Además, las raíces de otros 14 árboles cerca de las estructuras podrían verse afectadas y evaluaremos que no presenten riesgo a la seguridad de usuarios.

El retiro y demolición de las estructuras se realizará de acuerdo con procedimientos y estándares de agencias locales y estatales. Las áreas de trabajo estarán valladas por seguridad.

### **HORARIO DE MITIGACION Y DEMOLICIÓN:**

**Lugar de la Demolición:** Área del Jardín Agrícola de Venice HS

**Fechas de Demolición:** 16 de Noviembre, 2020 — 15 de Enero, 2021

**Horario:** • Lunes-Viernes: 7 am a 3:30 pm • Sábados: 7 am a 3:30 pm

### **CALENDARIO APROXIMADO:**

11-16 A 11-27:	DESCONECTAR SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS, MOVILIZACIÓN Y CERCA TEMPORAL
11-23 A 11-27:	ESTABILIZACIÓN DE PINTURA INTERIOR-EXTERIOR DE TODOS LOS EDIFICIOS
11-30 A 12-11:	MITIGACIÓN DE ASBESTO
12-14 A 12-25:	MITIGACIÓN DE PLOMO
12-28 A 01-15:	DEMOLICIÓN DE EDIFICIOS

### **DURANTE ESTE PROYECTO UD PODRÍA VER:**

- Inspectores y expertos con equipo técnico como respiradores y ropaje especial
- Tráfico intermitente de vehículos de construcción
- Algunos ruidos, polvo y vibraciones que se originaran de las áreas de trabajo

### **MEDIDAS PARA MINIMIZAR IMPACTO:**

- Áreas de trabajo valladas por seguridad
- Riego continuo para controlar el polvo
- Trabajo en horas permitidas (Ciudad de LA)
- No ruido de construcción después de 9 pm
- No se trabajará los domingos

POR FAVOR MANTÉNGASE SEGURO Y SALUDABLE EN ESTA CRISIS DE SALUD PÚBLICA.

**NUESTROS SITIOS DE CONSTRUCCIÓN OBSERVAN TODAS LAS MEDIDAS ESTATALES SOBRE COVID-19**

PARA ASUNTOS DE INSTRUCCIÓN DE SUS HIJOS Y LA PANDEMIA PUEDE LLAMAR A "LAUSD HOTLINE" (213) 443-1300

SI TIENE PREGUNTAS SOBRE ESTE PROYECTO, LLAME A FORTUNATO TAPIA EN FSD *COMMUNITY RELATIONS*

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