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NOTICE OF PREPARATION
OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: December 17, 2024

TO: State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The County of Los Angeles ("County") is the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") for the proposed project identified below. The County has prepared this Notice of Preparation ("NOP") to provide Responsible Agencies and other interested parties with information describing the project and to identify its potential environmental effects pursuant to State requirements.

AGENCIES: The County requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the County when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The County requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT & PERMIT(S): Altadena Main Library Renovation Project**,** PRJ2023-000474-(5), Conditional Use Permit No. RPPL2023000666, Environmental Plan No. RPPL2024005464

PROJECT APPLICANT: Altadena Library District

PROJECT LOCATION: APN: 5840-010-900, 600 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA 91001 (Figure 1)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The planned improvements at the Main include an expansion of the building footprint approximately 700 square feet, interior space reconfigurations, access improvements, seismic retrofit, and replacement of aged building infrastructure to address mechanical (elevator and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), plumbing (including additional and accessible restrooms), and electrical and structural elements of the facility. Infrastructure improvements are expected to include some modernized Audio Visual spaces with newer technology and updated communications infrastructure and structured cabling. Upgrades to plantings and irrigation and adding outdoor functional spaces are also planned. Project features shown on Figure 2 include the following:

- New Entry/Lobby
- New Community Room Deck
- New Outdoor Reading Court
- New Delivery Loading Zone
- New Entry Wall and Signage
- New Access Ramp
- New Stairs
- Parking lot Re-surfaced and Striped
- Refurbish Existing Bridges

Demolition

Some demolition and grading are required to complete the Main renovation and expansion. The site is approximately 1.72 acres with 0.28-acre being disturbed for improvements. Demolition includes removal of concrete, pavement, and removal of existing turf, planters, and shrubs. Grading is designed to slope walking paths, landscapes, and other surfaces away from buildings towards on-site drainage features. Areas of pavement and concrete removal include area for the new entry/lobby along much of the south side of the Main and walkways to bridge on north side of facility. Clearing and grubbing would occur at the new outdoor reading court, new entry/lobby, near the path to the bridge on the north side, and the new Community Room Deck.

In the interior there would be some demolition to non-structural walls, doors, and stairways.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT

Based on a preliminary review of the proposed project consistent with section 15060 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has determined that an EIR should be prepared for this proposed project. In addition, consistent with section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, the County has identified the following probable environmental effects of the project, which will be addressed in the EIR for this project:

- Air Quality
- Cultural Resource
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas

- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Historic Resources

The County has determined that there is not a likelihood of potentially significant effects related to the following environmental topics:

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural Resources
- Biological Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

The County proposes that the EIR indicate the reasons why these effects were determined not to be significant and are therefore not addressed in detail in the EIR.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The County has determined to make this NOP available for public review and comment pursuant to Title 14, section 15082(b) of the California Code of Regulations. The comment period for the NOP begins on December 17, 2024 and ends on February 4, 2024.

Any comments provided should identify specific topics of environmental concern and your reason for suggesting the study of these topics in the EIR.

Please direct all written comments to the following address:

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All written responses will be included as Appendices in the Draft EIR and their contents considered in accordance with State and County environmental guidelines.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP and Initial Study are available for public review during regular business hours at LA County Planning address listed above and the following location:

• Altadena Main Library 600 E. Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA 91001

The public is also encouraged to visit LA County Planning's website to review the initial study at https://planning.lacounty.gov/environmental-review/public-notice/.

Thank you for your participation in the environmental review of this project.



Figure 1
Altadena Main Library Renov CEQA
Project Location and Vicinity

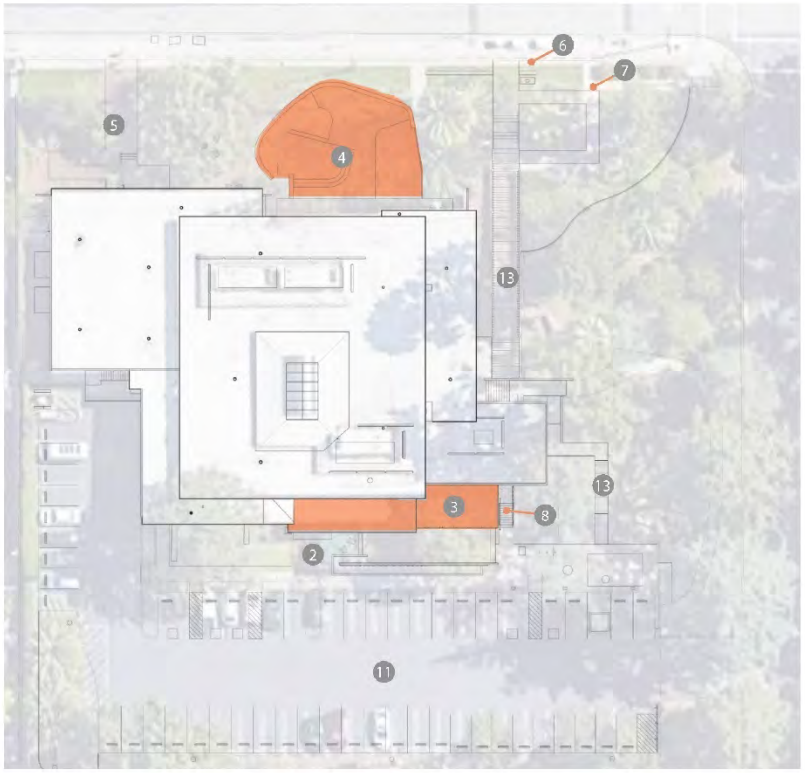


Figure 2
Altadena Main Library Renov CEQA
Site Plan