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Long Beach Unified School District

Notice of Intent (Updated) to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Polytechnic High School Transformation Project

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Long Beach Unified School District (District) is circulating a Draft MND for public comment.

Project/Location: Polytechnic High School is an existing 26-acre school site located at 1600 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813, accommodating high school students (grades 9-12). Single-family residences on all sides border the Project site. In addition, Roosevelt Elementary School is located at the southwest side of the site, and several commercial buildings are to the east side of the campus.

Project Description:

The proposed project will be constructed in two phases. The first phase will be the construction of a new three-story CTE classroom building, along with HVAC and technology modernization in seven existing buildings. The second phase will see the demolition of eight existing buildings, the removal of temporary portable buildings, the construction of five new buildings, the reconstruction of the baseball field/multi-purpose field and the reconstruction of Jack Rabbit Lane. Below are detailed descriptions of each project:

Phase 1:

The new CTE classroom building will be constructed over the softball field located adjacent to 15th street. This building will house the medical pathway program, the automotive pathway program, a new state of the art makerspace classroom as support for the various programs as well as other support spaces like general education classrooms, computer labs and special education classrooms. This building will include outdoor learning environments with outdoor seating and associated landscape areas. The HVAC Modernization project will consist of adding HVAC to the following existing buildings 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, and 600. The following buildings will receive HVAC upgrades: 25 and 250. Building 30 will get fire alarm upgrades. These buildings will also get a variety of modernization upgrades which include, but are not limited to the following:

- ADA – Accessibility upgrades
- Restroom upgrades
- Fire Alarm upgrades
- Ceiling mounted overhead projectors
- Marker boards and tack boards
- Ceiling and wall repair
- Interior lights
- Interior and exterior painting
- Some windows replacements or repairs and window shades
- Signage (campus-wide)

Phase 2:

The Transformation project will see the construction of a single story drama/band building (building 150), a two-story classroom building (building 1000), a two-story gymnasium building (building 800), an aquatic center with a pool and associated sports lighting, new pool spectator bleachers and a single story pool support facilities building (Building 850), a two-story administration/classroom/wellness building (building 700),the reconstruction of the baseball field/multi-purpose field with the reconstruction of sports lighting and a new reconfigured Jack Rabbit Lane with reconfigured parking and a new student pick up and drop off area. This project will also see the demolition of eight existing buildings and their associated surrounding landscape areas. The buildings to be demolished are as follows: 150 and associated second story exterior walk ways, 550, 700, 750, 800, 850, 950, and the Gymnasium. Included in the demolition will be the removal of fifty-four interim housing portables that are located over the existing baseball field.

Project Schedule:

The proposed projects are expected to occur over a 6-year period, from Summer 2025 to Summer 2031. Construction will occur in two phases. Phase 1 is expected to occur from Summer 2025 through Winter 2027. Phase 2 is expected to occur Winter 2027 through Summer 2031. Construction activities will take place between the hours of 7:00 am to 4:00 pm Mondays through Fridays.

Document Availability: The Draft MND is available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below.

Long Beach Unified School District – Facilities Division: (2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach, California 90810)
Polytechnic High School: (1600 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813)
Available at https://www.lbschoolbonds.net/environmental-reviews

Extended Public Review Period: The elective 14-day extended public review period for the Draft MND is from April 4, 2025 through April 18, 2025**.** The Draft MND was preciously circulated for public review from February 24th, 2025 through March 25th, 2025.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the District's intent to adopt the MND must submit written comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2025. Written comments may be sent to Dana Grudem and emailed to CEQA@lbschools.net