

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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From: Pasadena Unified School District

351 S. Hudson Avenue

Pasadena, CA 91109

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Norwalk, CA 90650

John Muir High School Athletic Facilities Modernization Project

Project Title

1905 Lincoln Avenue

Project Location - Specific

Pasadena

Project Location – City

Los Angeles

Project Location – County

The proposed project at John Muir HS will include improvements to the school's athletic facilities that will ensure compliance with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regulations. Proposed improvements will consist of enhancements to the existing gymnasium, including new interior finishes and upgraded shower facilities; modernization of the John Muir HS pool deck; baseball field improvements; and football field improvements, including the construction of new field restrooms, ADA compliant bleacher seating, and new home and visitor team rooms on the track and field.

The proposed project will also replace site utilities that serve these facilities, including water, sewer, and storm drainage systems and electrical service upgrades. Additionally, the proposed project will include improvement to the parking facilities and ADA improvements throughout the campus. The proposed project will not impact student or staff capacity at John Muir HS.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

Pasadena Unified School District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project

Pasadena Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project

Exempt Status: (check one below)

☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);

☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));

☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));

☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 1, CCR § 15301, Existing Facilities; Class 2, CCR § 15302, Replacement or Reconstruction; Class 11, CCR §15311, Accessory Structures; Class 14, CCR §15314, Minor Additions to School

☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

The proposed improvements to the existing athletic facilities and parking lots at John Muir HS are exempt from CEQA under Class 1, Existing Facilities (Section 15301) because the proposed project will consist of alterations to the existing pool, gymnasium, track and field, football field, baseball field, and parking lots. All proposed improvements will occur within the boundaries of the fully developed John Muir HS. The proposed project will not include expansion or change of use of the existing campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

The proposed replacement of the existing bleachers and pool are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302) because the proposed alterations to the existing bleachers and pool will serve the same purpose and capacity, and will occur within the same area as the existing facilities, within the boundaries of the campus. The proposed project will not result in a 50 percent increase in student capacity, will not result in expansion of the existing campus boundaries, and will connect to the existing utilities on the campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

The addition and alteration of the parking lots on the campus is exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311) as the existing handball courts and two tennis courts in the campus center will be converted into additional school parking. The proposed project also includes new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, expanded bicycle parking, updated ADA parking, and improvements to the bus drop-off area located at the southern edge of the campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

The proposed project includes minor additions to the school's existing athletic facilities, including new bleachers, football team rooms, concessions building, restroom building, pool equipment building, lighting upgrades, and new EV charging stations, which are also exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314) because the proposed project will occur with the existing school grounds and will result in any change to student capacity. Therefore, the proposed project will not increase student capacity on the campus by 25 percent or 10 new classrooms, consistent with the exemption. The proposed project includes improvements to accessible pathways connecting the main campus to the gym, football field, baseball field, tennis courts, parking lots, and campus garden. The proposed project will not alter or expand the existing school use, increase student capacity or the number of classrooms, and will only result in minor improvements to the existing campus. No off-campus improvements will occur. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

The proposed project was also reviewed for possible exceptions under Section 15300.2 and found that the exceptions do not apply.

Reasons why project is exempt

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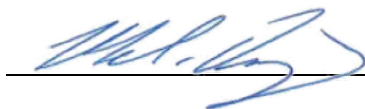
If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption findings
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project ☒ Yes ☐ No

Date Received
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Signature:



Title: Director of Facilities

Attachment to Notice of Exemption
John Muir High School Athletic Facilities Modernization Project
Pasadena Unified School District
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The Pasadena Unified School District (PUSD or District) proposes to improve the existing athletic facilities at John Muir High School, including modernization improvements to the pool and gymnasium, football field, and baseball field; and improvements to the parking and Americans Disabilities Act (ADA) facilities throughout the campus (proposed project). This supplemental information provides justification for the Categorical Exemptions pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines under California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15301, 15302, 15311, and 15314.

1. EXISTING CONDITIONS

1.1 Project Location

John Muir High School (John Muir HS) is located at 1905 Lincoln Avenue (Assessor Parcel Number [APN] 5825-018-900) in the City of Pasadena in Los Angeles County. Primary parts of John Muir HS were originally built in 1926, with other supporting facilities, such as athletic facilities, developed over later years. The John Muir High School Athletic Facilities Modernization Project (proposed project) will be developed within approximately 15.9 acres of the northwestern portion of the approximately 41.2-acre campus.

1.2 Regional Setting

The City of Pasadena is bordered by the Cities of Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge to the west, South Pasadena and San Marino to the south, Sierra Madre to the east, and the Los Angeles County unincorporated community of Altadena and the San Gabriel Mountains/Angeles National Forest to the north. Regional access to the campus is provided by Interstate Route 210 (I-210), adjacent to the west of the campus, and State Route 134 (SR-134), located approximately two miles south of the campus.

1.3 Local Setting

The campus is bounded by Cañada Avenue to the west and south, the PUSD Service Center to the north, and residential uses to the east. Access to the campus is via Lincoln Avenue, Forest Avenue,

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Wyoming Street, Toolen Place, Casitas Avenue, and W Montana Street. Figure 1, *Local Vicinity* and Figure 2, *Aerial Photograph*, show the campus, including the project site, in its local context.

1.4 Existing Land Use

The project site is zoned Public/Semi-Public (PS), which is applied to sites with a contiguous area of two acres or more and provides for large public or semi-public land uses that can accommodate institutional uses. The zoning designation is consistent with the project site's City of Pasadena General Plan land use designation of Institutional, which allows for a wide range of public, quasi-public, and institutional uses. This designation is intended to support uses such as schools, hospitals, government offices, cultural facilities, and similar functions that contribute to the public benefit.

1.5 Surrounding General Plan Land Use Designations

East of the project site is zoned Commercial General (LA-CG), which accommodates retail and office businesses, and Residential Multi-Family (LA-RM-16), which supports projects that are entirely commercial, entirely residential, or a mix of the two, integrated either horizontally or vertically. North of the project site is zoned Industrial General (IG), which provides sites for high technology, telecommunications, manufacturing, service, and distribution uses, Single-Family Residential (RS-6), and Multi-Family Residential (RM-16). West and south is the I-210, which is also zoned PS. South of the project site is also zoned RS-6.

North of the project site has land use designations of R&D Flex Space (0.0-1.25 FAR), Low Density Residential (0-6 Dwelling Units [DU]/Acre), Medium Density Residential (0-16 DU/Acre), and Low Commercial (0.0-1.0 FAR). East of the project site is designated Medium Density Residential and south has designations of Low Density Residential and Medium Density Residential.

1.6 Pasadena Unified School District

The District provides school services to the Cities of Pasadena and Sierra Madre, as well as the unincorporated community of Altadena. The District consists of 38 campuses and facilities, including 14 elementary schools, 5 middle school, 5 high schools, 13 other PUSD facilities, and 1 District Service Center. Districtwide enrollment in the 2023-2024 school year is 15,219 students (CDE 2025a).

1.7 John Muir High School

John Muir High School is a 9th through 12th grade public school with a 2023-2024 enrollment of 1,133 students (CDE 2025b). The proposed project improvements will be focused on athletic facilities as described below, and will not affect the historic core of the campus.

1.8 Existing Athletic Facilities

GYMNASIUM AND POOL (BUILDING W)

The project site includes the existing gymnasium (Building W), built in 1961 and renovated in 2002. The gymnasium is situated in the center of campus, bounded by the pool deck to the north, Forest Avenue to east, Wyoming Street to the south, and school tennis courts to the east. The gymnasium includes a lobby, girls locker room, and boys locker room.

A pool deck, located adjacent to the gymnasium to the north, contains two existing pools that were built in 1961 and renovated in 2002. The pool deck is bounded by Toolen Place to the north, Forest Avenue to east, Wyoming Street to the south, and the gymnasium to the east. The pool deck also includes bleachers, lighting poles, and storage facilities.

FOOTBALL FIELD

The track and football field are located northwest of the pool deck, bound by Cañada Avenue to the west, Montana Street to the north, Casitas Avenue to the east, and a school parking lot to the south. The track and field area contains storage facilities, metal bleachers on the “home” side of the field to the south, four lighting poles, and scoreboards. Temporary bleachers are brought in for sporting events on the north (“visitor”) side of the field. Total capacity of bleachers, including mobile bleachers, is 1,500 spectators.

BASEBALL FIELD

The project site includes the two baseball fields in the northwestern corner of campus. An existing restroom building is located on the baseball field.

PARKING LOTS

The campus currently includes three parking lots for students and staff. Two parking lots are located on the southwestern portion of the campus, south of the football field, along Cañada Avenue and Casitas Avenue, respectively. One additional parking lot is located at the southern end of the campus, along Lincoln Avenue.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project at John Muir HS will include improvements to the school’s athletic facilities that will ensure compliance with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) regulations. Proposed improvements will consist of enhancements to the existing gymnasium, including new interior finishes and upgraded shower facilities; modernization of the John Muir HS pool deck; baseball field improvements; and football field improvements, including the construction of new field

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restrooms, ADA compliant bleacher seating, and new home and visitor team rooms on the track and field.

The proposed project will also replace site utilities that serve these facilities, including water, sewer, and storm drainage systems; electrical service upgrades. Additionally, the proposed project will include improvement to the parking facilities and ADA improvements throughout the campus. The proposed project will not impact student or staff capacity at John Muir HS.

The District will serve as the lead agency for the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15051(c).

2.1 Pool Modernization

The proposed project will include the demolition of the two existing pools located on the pool deck. One new 40 meter pool will be constructed to replace the two existing pools in the same location. Additionally, the proposed project will include the installation of four new lighting poles and 16 new lighting fixtures at each corner of the new pool, and a new pool equipment building will be added to the northeastern corner of the pool deck (see Figure 3a, *Pool and Gymnasium Improvements*).

2.2 Gym Modernization

The gymnasium will undergo modernization improvements as part of the proposed project. The proposed project will include new interior finishes to the gym and boys and girls locker rooms, and expansion of the gymnasium lobby. A 31-foot ramp will be installed on the southeast side of the gymnasium, along with an additional entrance on the northeast side. Additionally, the proposed project will include the replacement of electrical distribution and low-voltage systems, a modernized HVAC system, new doors and windows, and upgraded shower facilities (see Figure 3a).

2.3 Track and Field Improvements

The proposed project will include the removal of the existing home bleachers south of the track and field, and replacement with new bleachers. New permanent visitor bleachers north of the track and field will be developed. The proposed visitors' bleachers and the home bleachers will have a 700 seat and 1,500 seat capacity, respectively, which is the same as the existing capacity. The new bleachers will be equipped with ramps to meet ADA accessibility requirements. A new visitor football team room will be developed on the northwestern corner, and a new home football team room is proposed on the southwestern corner of the track and field. A new restroom building and a concessions building will be added as part of the proposed project on the southeastern corner of the track and field. A new press box will be located above the new home bleachers.

Utility and other site improvements are proposed, including Musco lighting and a new replacement scoreboard. The new lighting will replace the existing lighting fixtures around with field and will include modern directional field-focused lighting fixtures designed to limit light spill off the field. The existing track and football field turf will not be modified. New landscaping and hardscaping is proposed in the area around the new home bleachers, home team room, and concessions building (see Figure 3b, *Football Field Improvements*).

2.4 Baseball Field Improvements

The proposed project includes modernization of the existing restroom building, a new scoreboard, and Musco lighting (see Figure 3c, *Baseball Field Improvements*). The baseball fields will remain in their current condition.

2.5 Campus Parking Improvements

The proposed project includes improvements to accessible pathways connecting the main campus to the gym, football field, baseball field, tennis courts, parking lots, and campus garden. The existing handball courts and two tennis courts in the campus center will be converted into additional parking. The proposed project also includes new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, expanded bicycle parking, updated ADA parking, and improvements to the bus drop-off area located at the southern edge of the campus (see Figure 3d, *Parking and ADA Improvements*).

2.6 Project Construction and Phasing

The proposed project will be constructed in three phases:

- **Phase 1:** Construction of the pool and gym modernization will occur over approximately 15 months, beginning in July 2025 and be completed in October 2027.
- **Phase 2:** Construction of the improvements for football field and the track and field will occur over approximately 7 month, beginning in November 2025 and be completed in June 2026.
- **Phase 3:** Construction of the baseball field improvements will occur over approximately 12 months, beginning in May 2026 and be completed in May 2027.

All construction equipment and workers will be located within the boundaries of the project site and contractors will adhere to Section 9.36.070, *Construction Projects*, of the City of Pasadena's Municipal Code, to avoid disruption to campus operations. The proposed project will not increase the net total number of classrooms on the campus and will not increase the school's student capacity. All project improvements will occur on campus, and no off-site improvements will be included as part of the proposed project.

Figure 1 - Local Vicinity

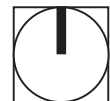


— John Muir High School Campus Boundary

— Project Boundaries

----- City Boundary

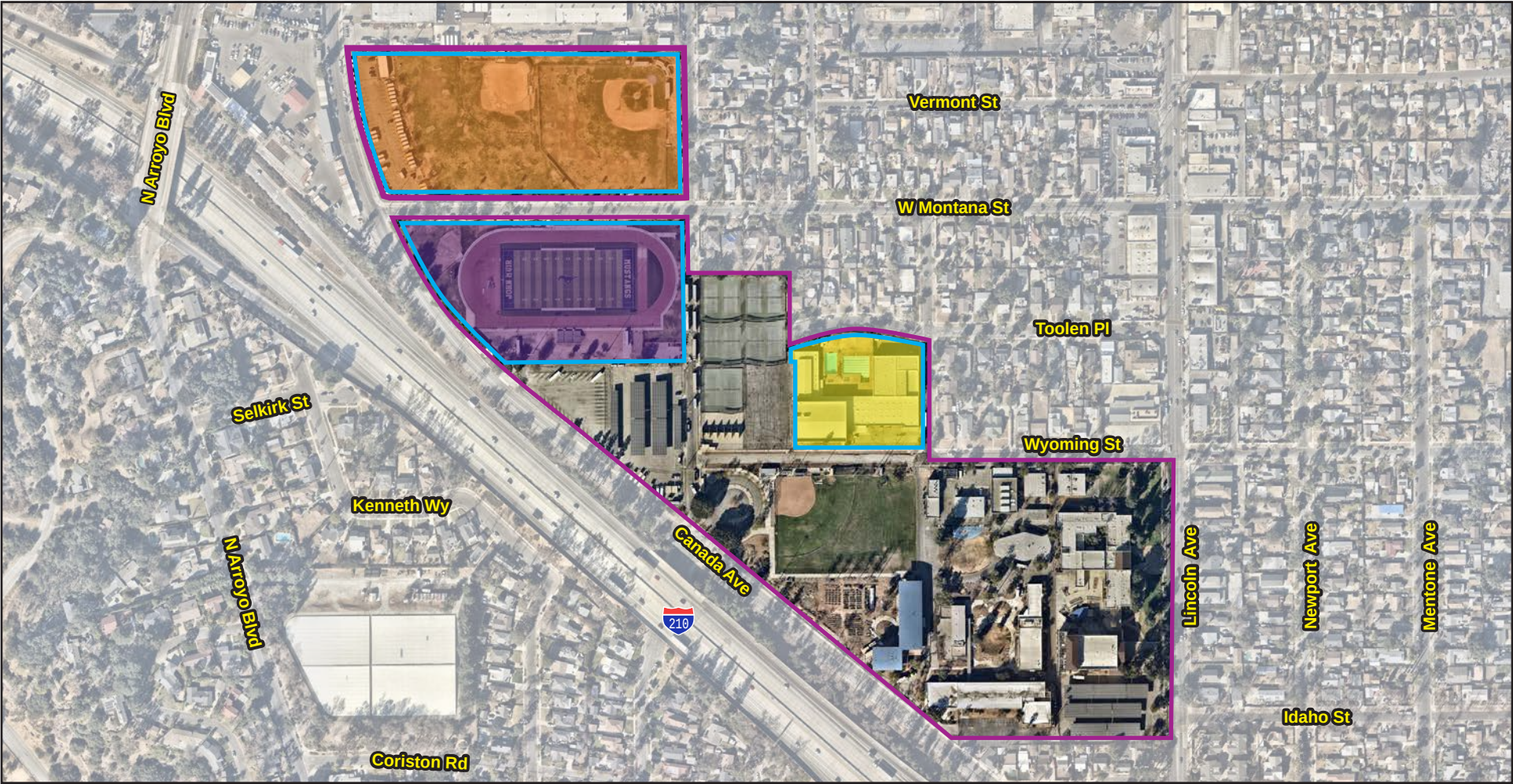
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Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph



John Muir High School Campus

- Proposed Project Plans**
- Baseball Field Improvements
 - Football Field Improvements
 - Gym and Pool Modernization

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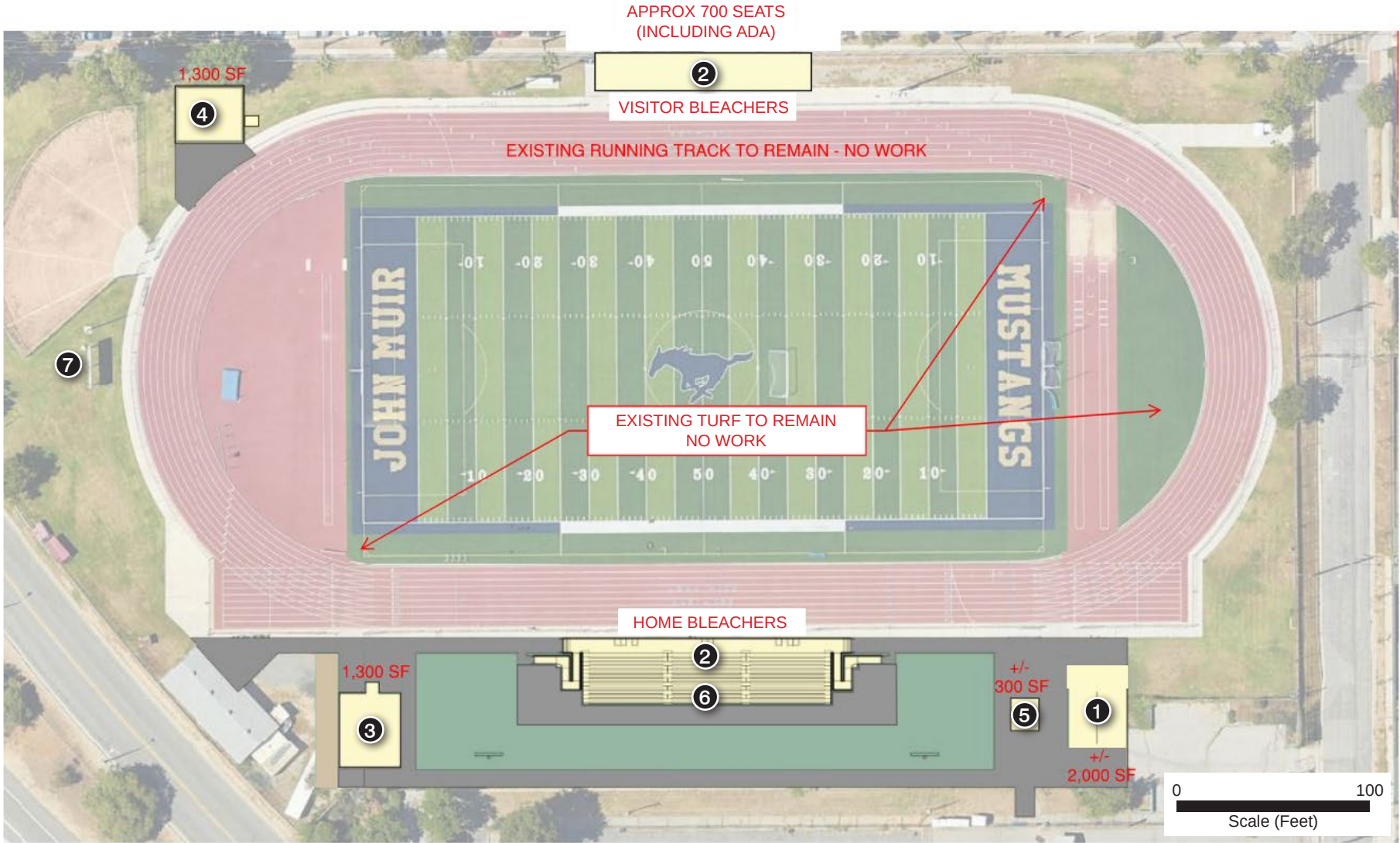
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Figure 3b - Football Field Improvements



SITE PLAN KEY

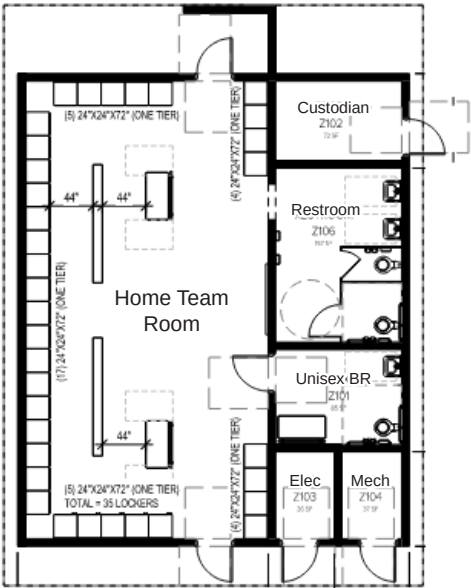
- ① New Restroom Building
- ② New ADA Accessible Bleachers and Pressbox
- ③ New Home Team Room
- ④ New Visitor Team Room
- ⑤ New Concessions
- ⑥ New Pressbox
- ⑦ New Scoreboard

SITE GRAPHICS LEGEND

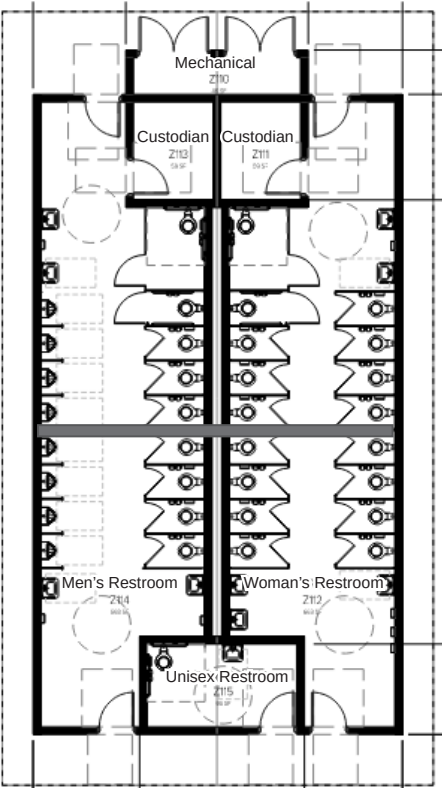
- New Pavement
- New Landscaping
- New Structure

BLEACHER CAPACITY

HOME SIDE (SOUTH)
MAX 1,500 SEATS INCLUDING ADA SEATS



Team Room – Floor Plan



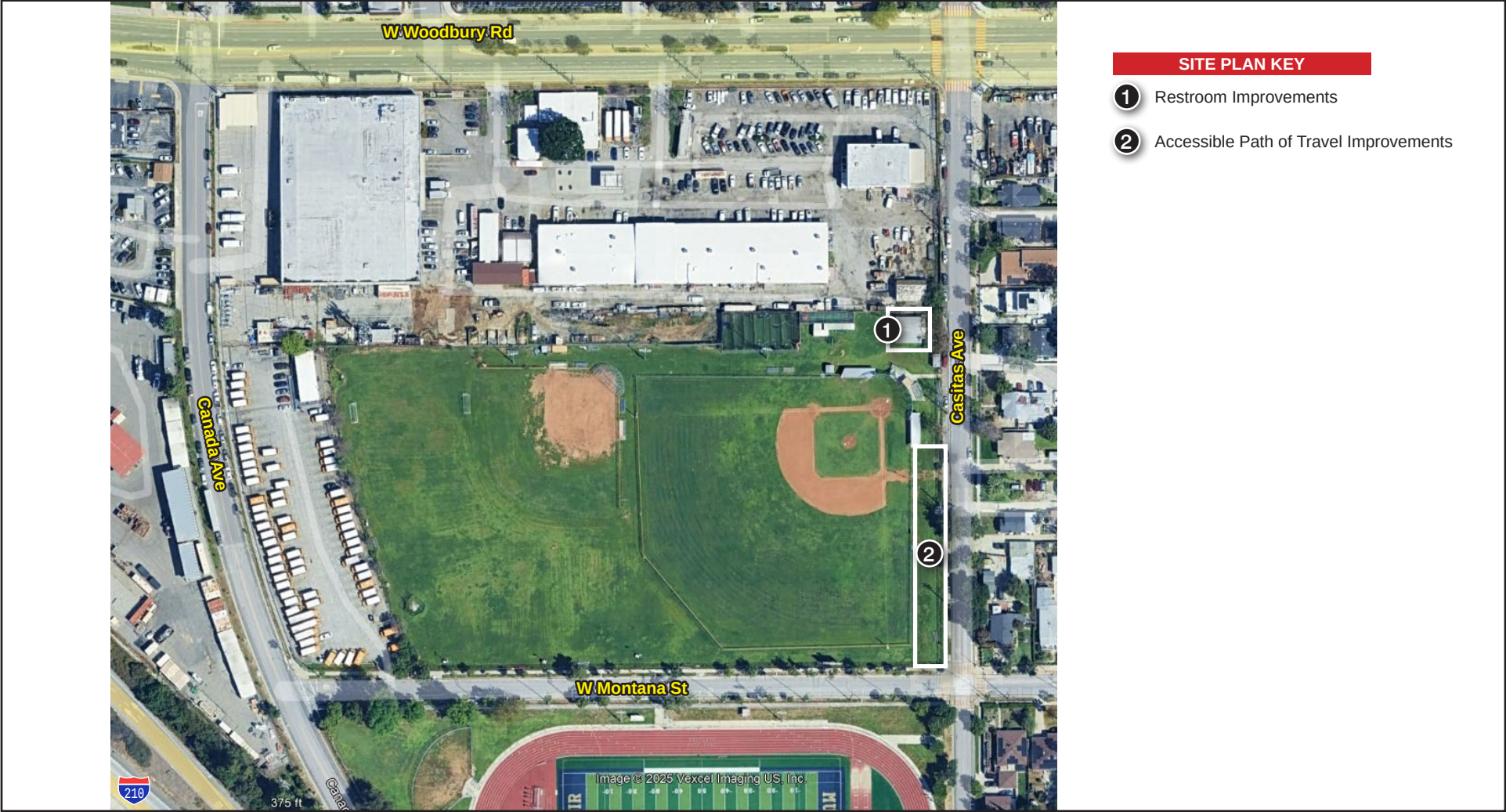
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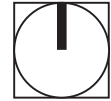


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Figure 3c - Baseball Field Improvements

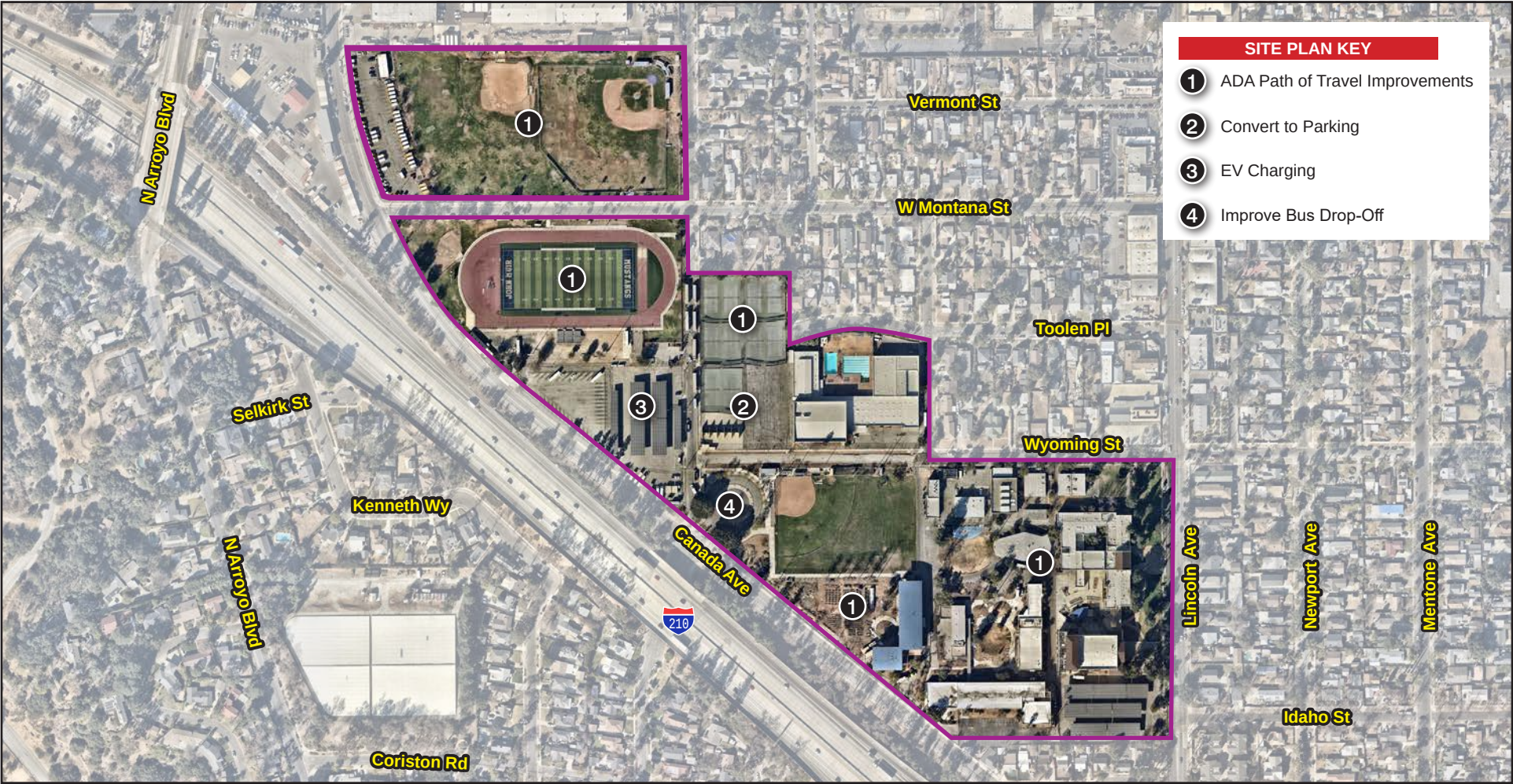


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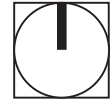


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Figure 3d - Parking and ADA Improvements



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3. REASONS WHY THE PROJECT IS EXEMPT

The proposed project is exempt from further environmental review under the requirements of the CEQA (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) because it is consistent with Class 1, 2, 11, and 14 exemptions.

- **Class 1, Existing Facilities (CEQA Guidelines Section 15301)** consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. The key consideration is whether the project involves negligible or no expansion of use.

The proposed improvements to the existing athletic facilities and parking lots at John Muir HS are exempt from CEQA under Class 1, *Existing Facilities* (Section 15301) because the proposed project will consist of alterations to the existing pool, gymnasium, track and field, football field, baseball field, and parking lots. All proposed improvements will occur within the boundaries of the fully developed John Muir HS. The proposed project will not include expansion or change of use of the existing campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15301.

- **Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (CEQA Guidelines Section 15302)** consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced, including but not limited to: (a) Replacement or reconstruction of existing schools and hospitals to provide earthquake resistant structures which do not increase capacity more than 50 percent; (b) Replacement of a commercial structure with a new structure of substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity; (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity; (d) Conversion of overhead electric utility distribution system facilities to underground including connection to existing overhead electric utility distribution lines where the surface is restored to the condition existing prior to the undergrounding.

The proposed replacement of the existing bleachers and pool are exempt from CEQA under Class 2, Replacement or Reconstruction (Section 15302) because the proposed alterations to the existing bleachers and pool will serve the same purpose and capacity, and will occur within the same area as the existing facilities, within the boundaries of the campus. The proposed project will not result in a 50 percent increase in student capacity, will not result in expansion of the existing campus boundaries, and will connect to the existing utilities on the campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15302.

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- **Class 11, Accessory Structures (CEQA Guidelines Section 15311)** consists of construction, or placement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including but not limited to: (a) On-premise signs; (b) small parking lots; (c) Placement of seasonal or temporary use items such as lifeguard towers, mobile food units, portable restrooms, or similar items in generally the same locations from time to time in publicly owned parks, stadiums, or other facilities designed for public use.

The addition and alteration of the parking lots on the campus is exempt from CEQA under Class 11, Accessory Structures (Section 15311) as the existing handball courts and two tennis courts in the campus center will be converted into additional school parking. The proposed project also includes new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, expanded bicycle parking, updated ADA parking, and improvements to the bus drop-off area located at the southern edge of the campus. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15311.

- **Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (CEQA Guidelines Section 15314)** consists of minor additions to existing schools within existing school grounds where the addition does not increase original student capacity by more than 25 percent or ten classrooms, whichever is less.

The proposed project includes minor additions to the school's existing athletic facilities, including new bleachers, football team rooms, concessions building, restroom building, pool equipment building, lighting upgrades, and new EV charging stations, which are also exempt from CEQA under Class 14, Minor Additions to Schools (Section 15314) because the proposed project will occur with the existing school grounds and will result in any change to student capacity. Therefore, the proposed project will not increase student capacity on the campus by 25 percent or 10 new classrooms, consistent with the exemption. The proposed project includes improvements to accessible pathways connecting the main campus to the gym, football field, baseball field, tennis courts, parking lots, and campus garden. The proposed project will not alter or expand the existing school use, increase student capacity or the number of classrooms, and will only result in minor improvements to the existing campus. No off-campus improvements will occur. Therefore, the project is exempt from CEQA under Section 15314.

4. REVIEW OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE CATEORICAL EXEMPTION

The proposed project has been reviewed under CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 - Exceptions, for any characteristics or circumstances that might invalidate findings that the proposed project is exempt from CEQA. Each exception is listed below followed by an assessment of whether that exception applies to the proposed project.

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- a. Location.** Classes 3,4,5,6 and 11 are qualified by consideration of where the project would be located—a project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant. Therefore, these classes are considered to apply all instances, except where the project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

The project site is located on the existing John Muir HS campus. The campus has buildings, concrete walkways, athletic fields, parking lots, and ornamental landscaping. Due to the school's developed nature and frequent human disturbance, it does not contain any sensitive biological species or habitat. No mapped riparian habitats or wetlands exist on or near the project site (USFWS 2025). All proposed improvements will occur within the boundaries of the existing campus. Additionally, there is no evidence of hazardous materials or substances on the campus (see section (e) below). The project site is not considered to be a particularly sensitive environment. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- b. Cumulative Impacts.** All exemptions for these classes are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place, over time is significant.

There are no other projects proposed on the campus at this time. No off-campus improvements will occur as part of the proposed project. Similar projects at nearby schools will not have an impact on the proposed project and the project site. When combined with proposed cumulative District projects, the proposed project will not create a cumulative impact under CEQA. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- c. Significant Effects.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

The project site is on a currently occupied high school campus. There is no reasonable possibility that the project will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. Proposed improvements will not change access and circulation of the surrounding area. The construction manager will execute construction activities per current local, state, and federal laws, regulations, construction Best Management Practices (BMPs), and District standards and guidelines. Therefore, this exemption does not apply to the proposed project.

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- d. Scenic Highways.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

According to the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) California Scenic Highway Mapping System, the closest eligible state scenic highway is Interstate Route 210 (I-210) from Post Mile (PM) R0.011 to PM R24.903, adjacent to the project site to the west; and the closest officially designated scenic highway is State Route 2 (SR-2), from PM 27.163 to PM 82.265, approximately 3.5 miles north of the campus (Caltrans 2025). All proposed project improvements will occur within the boundaries of the existing campus and will not alter and scenic views from those segments of I-210 and SR-2; thus, the proposed project will not affect any scenic highways. Therefore, the proposed project will not affect any scenic resources along any officially designated or eligible scenic highways, and this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- e. Hazardous Waste Sites.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

California Government Code Section 65962.5 requires the compiling of lists of the following types of hazardous materials sites: hazardous waste facilities subject to corrective action; hazardous waste discharges for which the State Water Quality Control Board has issued certain types of orders; public drinking water wells containing detectable levels of organic contaminants; underground storage tanks with reported unauthorized releases; and solid waste disposal facilities from which hazardous waste has migrated.

Four environmental databases were searched for hazardous materials sites on the site and within a quarter mile radius:

- EnviroStor. Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC 2025)
- GeoTracker. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB 2025)
- EnviroMapper. US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA 2025b)
- Solid Waste Information System. California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle 2025)

None of the databases searched identified the project site as a hazardous materials site. The Solid Waste Information System database identified a solid waste operation site located approximately 350 feet west of the project site, across Cañada Avenue. EnviroMapper identified one other active hazardous materials site approximately 750 feet northeast of the project site. However, the project site is not identified as a hazardous materials site pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and the

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project will not create a hazard to the public. Therefore, this exception does not apply to the proposed project.

- f. Historical Resources.** A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of historical resources. Under Public Resource Code Section 21084.1, a historical resource is a resource listed in or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources. Additionally, historical resources included in a local register of historical resources are presumed to be historically or culturally significant, and a lead agency can determine whether the resource may be an historical resource.

John Muir HS is not listed on the National Register of Historic Places, a California Historical Landmark, California Point of Historical Interest. Additionally, John Muir HS is not listed as a historic resource or landmark by the City's Design and Historic Preservation Department (Pasadena 2023). The nearest listed historical resource is the Pasadena Arroyo Parks and Recreation District approximately 0.25 west of the project site (NPS 2025; OHP 2025a; OHP 2025b). The existing gymnasium (building W) was constructed in 1961, and is of historic age; however, the building was renovated in 2002, and does not have any historical significance.

Neither the school nor any adjoining properties are listed as historic resources or potential historic resources by the City of Pasadena. Additionally, the improvements are focused on athletic facilities that are outside of the core of historic structures on the campus. No off-campus improvements will occur as part of the proposed project. Thus, no historical resources have been identified on-site during preparation of this Notice of Exemption. Therefore, the historical sites exception does not apply to the proposed project.

5. CONCLUSION

The proposed project at John Muir HS is exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, 15302, 15311, and 15314. As substantiated in this document, the proposed project will not meet the conditions specified in Section 15300.2, Exceptions, of the CEQA Guidelines, and the project is categorically exempt under Class 1, 2, 11, and 14.

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