

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE MILLIKAN HIGH SCHOOL AQUATIC CENTER PROJECT

DATE: December 5, 2025

TO: State Clearinghouse, Agencies, and Interested Parties

FROM: Long Beach Unified School District, Lead Agency and Project Proponent

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for the Millikan High School
Aquatic Center Project

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 15050, the Long Beach Unified School District (District) is the lead agency responsible for preparation of an environmental impact report (EIR) addressing potential impacts associated with the project identified herein.

Agencies

The purpose of this document is to serve as a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15082 and solicit comments and suggestions regarding the scope and content of the EIR to be prepared for the proposed project. Specifically, the District requests input on the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibility in connection with the proposed project. Your agency may rely on the EIR prepared by the District when considering permits or other approvals for this project.

Organizations and Interested Parties

The District requests your comments regarding the proposed scope and content of the EIR, including environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

Proposed Project Title

Millikan High School Aquatic Center Project

Proposed Project Location

The Proposed Project is located in the north-central portion of Millikan High School, 2800 Snowden Avenue, Long Beach, California 90815, within the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County. The

approximately 34.4-acre campus is bounded by East Belen Street to the north, Palo Verde Avenue to the east, East Barbanell Street to the south, and Snowden Avenue to the west. Land uses surrounding the campus include single-family residential neighborhoods to the east, west, and south, and commercial uses to the north along East Belen Street. The specific project site is localized to building 700/3000, adjacent portable classrooms, and associated landscaping and hardscape. Land uses immediately adjacent to the Proposed Project include the surrounding Millikan Campus, including adjacent school parking, and commercial land use north across East Belen Street (refer to Figure 1, Project Location).

Proposed Project Description

The District proposes to demolish Building 700/3000 and adjacent portable classrooms at Millikan High School and construct a new Aquatic Center within the existing developed campus footprint (refer to Figure 2, Site Plan).

The new facility would include:

- A Myrtha modular competition pool (approximately 51.5 meters × 22.9 meters) with a movable bulkhead;
- Inclusive locker rooms, boys' and girls' locker rooms, showers, and offices;
- Spectator bleachers with capacity for approximately 500 people;
- A snack bar/ticket booth, scoreboard, and shade structures;
- Sports LED lighting, integrated sound system, and security enhancements;
- Support buildings for the pool;
- Associated site improvements, including but not limited to perimeter walls, circulation, landscaping, and stormwater management features compliant with City of Long Beach Low Impact Development (LID) standards.

The Aquatic Center would support physical education classes, competitive swim and water polo programs, Special Olympics, and community swim activities. Construction is anticipated to occur over approximately 18 to 24 months, beginning with demolition and grading and followed by facility construction and site improvements.

Potential Environmental Effects

Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project; the District has determined that an EIR is the appropriate level of environmental documentation. The EIR analysis will include the provision of alternatives, and topical areas will include air quality, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, tribal cultural resources, and noise. The EIR will describe and evaluate project alternatives that may reduce or avoid any identified significant adverse impacts of the project. Topics that are found not to have significant impacts include aesthetics, agriculture and forestry, biological resources, energy,

geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire; these topics were evaluated in the Initial Study.

Public Review Period

This NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The NOP is available for a 30-day public review period beginning December 5th, 2025, and ending January 5th, 2025. Comments must be submitted within this 30-day public review period. The NOP and Initial Study are available online at:

<https://www.lbschoolbonds.net/environmental-reviews>

Hard copies may be viewed at the following libraries:

- Long Beach Main Library (101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90822)
- Signal Hill Library (1800 E Hill St, Signal Hill, CA 90755)
- Angelo M. Iacoboni Library (4990 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA)
- District Facilities Development and Planning Offices (2425 Webster Ave Long Beach, CA 90810)
- District Board of Education Offices (1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, CA 90810)
- Millikan High School (2800 Snowden Ave, Long Beach, CA 90815)

Agency/Public Comments

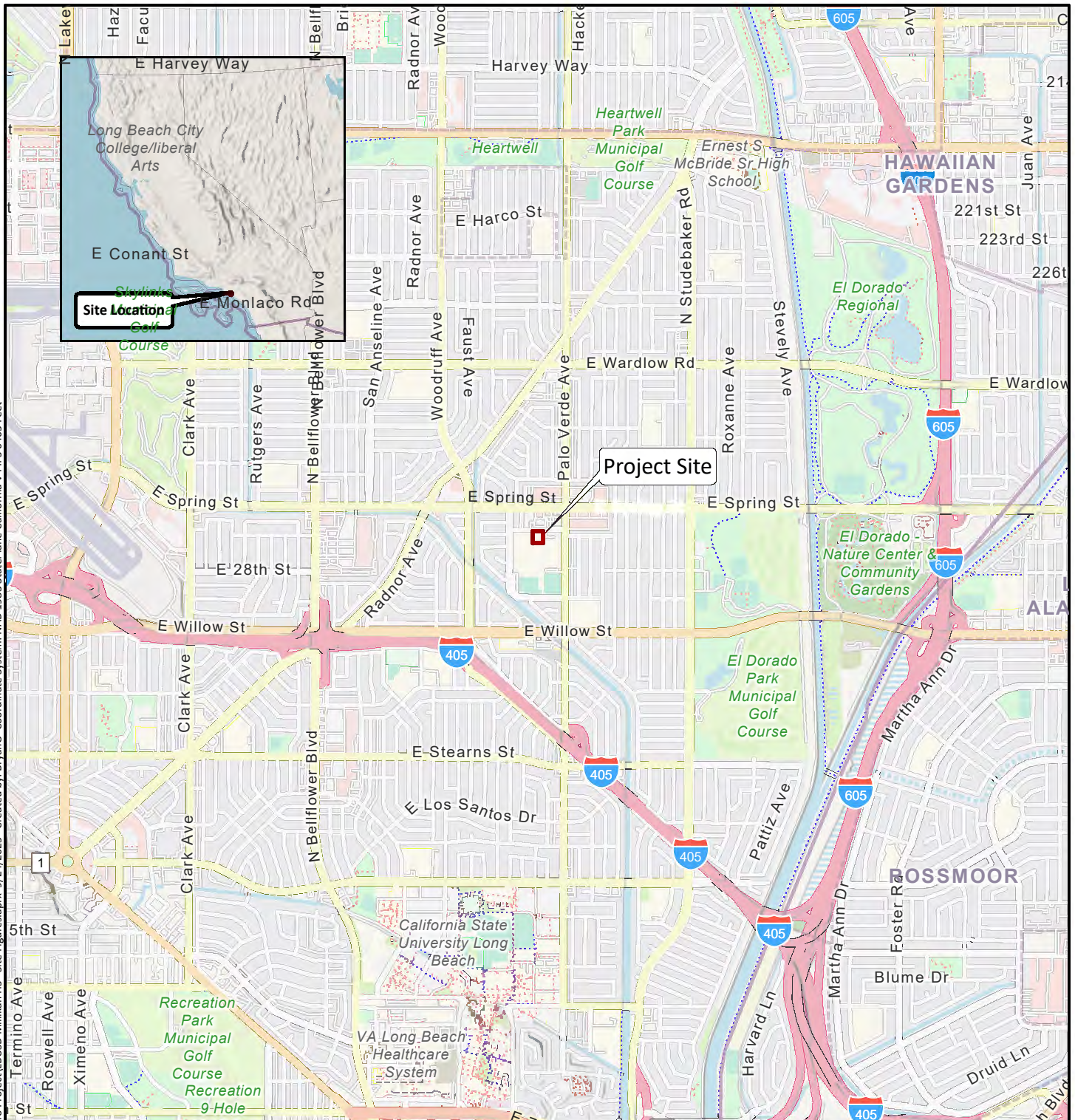
The District will accept written comments only during the 30-day public review period mentioned above ending January 5th, 2025. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to the contact below. Your comments may also be sent to the contact e-mail below (Please include “Millikan Aquatic Center EIR” subject heading).

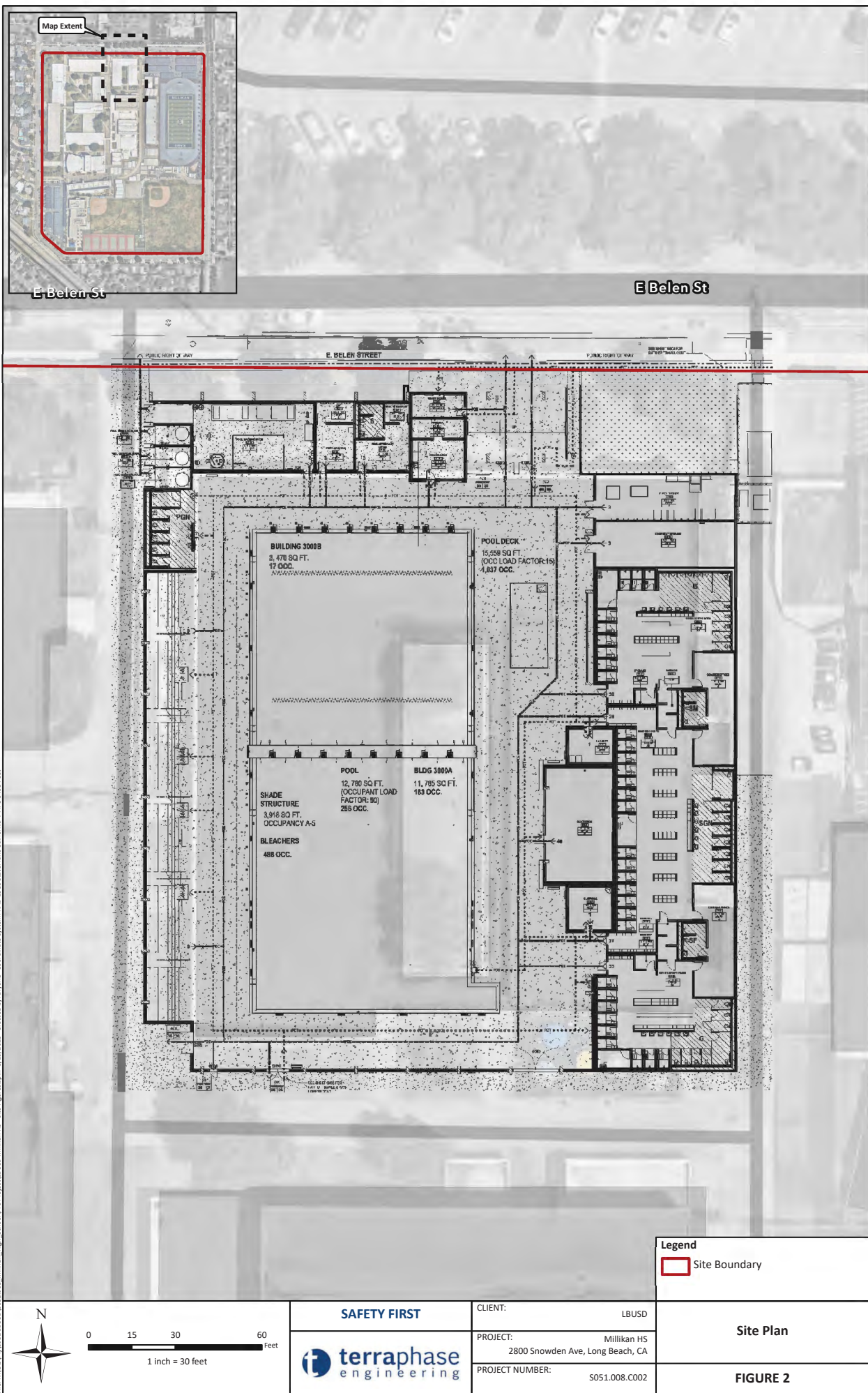
Attn: Dana Grudem, Senior Program Manager
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Attachments:

Figure 1: Project Location

Figure 2: Site Plan





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