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County of Los Angeles
12400 Imperial Highway
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From: LAUSD OEHS
333 S. Beaudry Avenue
21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Project Title:
Huntington Park High School Synthetic Turf and Track Replacement

Project Location – Specific:
The Huntington Park High School Synthetic Turf and Track Replacement (Project) is located at 6020 Miles Avenue in the City of Huntington Park. It is bound by East Slauson Avenue to the north, State Street to the east, Randolph Street to the south, and Miles Avenue to the west. The Project will occur on an approximately 2.2-acre portion of the Huntington Park High School campus (Huntington Park HS or Campus). The Campus is located in an urbanized community primarily consisting of residential, industrial, commercial, and institutional uses.

Project Location – City:
Huntington Park

Project Location – County:
Los Angeles

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project will remove and replace the existing synthetic track and field located at the north end of the campus. The synthetic turf field is approximately 96,384 square feet with a soccer/football field and "D" zones which includes high jump and pole vault at the west D zone, long jump and triple jump at the east D zone. This project also replaces a 400-meter, 46,518 square feet section of rubberized track surface over an asphalt base. The Project also includes improvements to existing landscaping, irrigation, and accessibility upgrades including path of travel and accessible gate (Exhibit A). The Board of Education approved the Project's budget of $12,431,162 on August 26, 2025.

Minor work will include improvements within the Project area to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including those of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), Division of State Architect (DSA), California Environmental Quality (CEQA), and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

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The Project will be implemented pursuant to all applicable State, federal, and local regulations and all applicable Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District) specifications, standards, and/or guidelines, including those in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the updated Standard Conditions of Approval for District Construction, Upgrade, and Improvements Projects (SC) as adopted by the Board of Education on December 12, 2023.[1] LAUSD's SCs, design guidelines, and best management practices are designed to be incorporated into the Project design in order to avoid or limit potential adverse impacts associated with the District's projects.

The beneficiaries of the Project include Huntington Park HS students, faculty, staff, families, school supporters, and the community at large who may request access to the Campus pursuant to the Civic Center Act (CA Ed. Code Sections 38130 – 38139). The proposed athletic facilities upgrade will support the school's physical education program, competitive athletic programs and allow the school to host athletic events and other school community events. The upgraded athletic facilities, once completed, will provide modern high-performance athletic facilities that support physical educational programs, student athletic achievement, and competitive athletic programs. In 2025-26, the athletic program of Huntington Park HS included 391 athletes and 12 sports.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:
Los Angeles Unified School District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Los Angeles Unified School District

Exempt Status: (check one below)

- ☐ Ministerial [Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268[2]]:
- ☐ Declared Emergency [PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a)]:
- ☐ Emergency Project [PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section15269(b)(c)]:
- ☒ Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):
  - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 – Existing Facilities*
  - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction*
  - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures*
  - *CEQA Guidelines Section 15311 – Accessory Structures*
- ☐ Statutory Exemption:

Reasons why project is exempt:

Section 15301 – Existing Facilities
Class 1 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 use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination.

The Project will remove and replace the existing synthetic track and field and rubberized track surface. The project also includes improvements to existing landscaping, irrigation, and accessibility upgrades including

[1] LAUSD OEHS, "Standard Conditions of Approval for District Construction, Upgrade, and Improvement Projects (SCs)" https://www.lausd.org/cms/lib/CA01000043/Centricity/domain/135/ceqa/2023_Standard_Conditions_UPDATE_Final.pdf
[2] CEQA Guidelines can be found at California Code of Regulations Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15000 - Section 15387.

path of travel and accessible gate. The Project will not generate growth or require the addition or construction of new or expanded facilities. Therefore, the Project fulfills the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15301.

Section 15302 – Replacement or Reconstruction
Class 2 consists of replacing or reconstructing 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.

The Project will remove and replace the existing synthetic track and field and rubberized track surface. The Project also includes improvements to existing landscaping, irrigation, and accessibility upgrades including path of travel and accessible gate. The Project will not result in an increase or alteration of the current use, function, or capacity of the existing Campus. Therefore, the Project fulfills the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15302.

Section 15303 – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made to the structure.

The Project will remove and replace the existing synthetic track and field and rubberized track surface that qualify as small facilities or structures. Therefore, the Project satisfies the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

Section 15311 – Accessory Structures
Class 11 consists of construction or replacement of minor structures accessory to (appurtenant to) existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including, but not limited to, on-premise signs and small parking lots.

The Project will remove and replace the existing synthetic track and field and rubberized track surface. These structures are considered minor accessory to the existing Campus. Therefore, the Project satisfies the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15311.

Section 15300.2 – Exceptions
Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

   The Project site is a fully-developed Campus within the urbanized neighborhood of South Gate and is surrounded by residential, industrial, institutional, and commercial uses. The site is not designated as a biologically sensitive location. The nearest significant ecological area (SEA) is the

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Puente Hills SEA in Montebello located approximately seven miles east of the Project site.[3] The nearest sensitive environment to the Project site is the Coastal California gnatcatcher habitat at Montebello Hills located approximately seven miles east of the Project site.[4] As such, the Project will not impact sensitive environments or locations.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type would occur at the same place over time;*

The Campus is an active school site and there will likely be ongoing maintenance activities and minor projects on the Campus to keep the school operational. There are currently no known successive projects of the same type or scale planned for the Campus. As the Project would not result in any lasting impacts once construction of the Project is complete, the Project would not contribute to cumulative impacts when considered with expected successive projects. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that would have a significant effect on the environment. The proposed scope of work does not include removal of trees. Should the Project be altered to include the removal of trees, LA Unified's Office of Environmental Health & Safety (OEHS) must be notified immediately. District policy requires consultation with an arborist to determine if the trees are a protected native species. All tree trimming and removal conducted on District property is required to adhere to the procedures described in the LAUSD OEHS Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure.[5] Additionally, written approval from the school principal will be required before any trees can be removed. If tree removal is scheduled to occur between February 1 and August 31, a nesting bird survey would be performed prior to removal activities, per SC-BIO-3.

The Project will include minor ground-disturbing activities. These activities are not considered unusual circumstances for the classes of projects under which an exemption is claimed. Nevertheless, consideration must be given to the management of pavement removal and excavated soils associated with earthwork activities for the Project. OEHS must be notified to provide oversight to ensure that these activities are conducted in compliance with the requirements of District Specification 01 4524, relevant provisions of South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1466, and other applicable environmental agency rules and requirements.[6] Furthermore, as set forth in SC-CUL-6, SC-CUL-7, SC-CUL-10, and SC-CUL-11, construction activities must be stopped immediately and OEHS notified upon discovery of subsurface features, such as buried resources (i.e., paleontological resources, archaeological resources), tanks or seepage pits, or stained/odoriferous soils. Lastly, any construction and demolition waste shall be recycled to the

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[3] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, http://gis.planning.lacounty.gov/GIS-NET3_Public/Viewer.html, accessed October 2026.
[4] United States Fish and Wildlife Service Critical Habitat Portal, https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/table/critical-habitat.html accessed October 2026.
[5] LAUSD OEHS, "Tree Trimming and Removal Procedure," https://www.lausd.org/ceqa
[6] LAUSD OEHS, "Section 01 4524 Environmental Import/Export Materials Testing", http://www.laschools.org/documents/file?file_id=219798234&show_all_versions_p=t

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maximum extent feasible per SC-USS-1. Therefore, the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

4. *The project 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;*

The closest designated state scenic highway to the Project site is the Angeles Crest State Scenic Highway, a 55.1-mile portion of State Route 2 (SR-2), which is located approximately 16.5 miles north of the Campus in the San Gabriel Mountains.[7] The Project will not result in the removal of historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or other scenic resources. Therefore, the Project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project site is not located on any sites that are included on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.[8] Therefore, the Project will have no impacts related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The Campus opened in 1909 and the District has determined that Huntington Park HS is eligible for listing as a historic resource per Section 18955 of the California State Historical Building Code (CHBC). The Campus is eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources. The Project was reviewed by LA Unified's Historic Preservation Specialist and Coordinator found that the Project's components are limited to modifications to the outdoor areas, which are not contributing elements to a historic district or historic resources. Therefore, the Project would have no impact on a historic resource.

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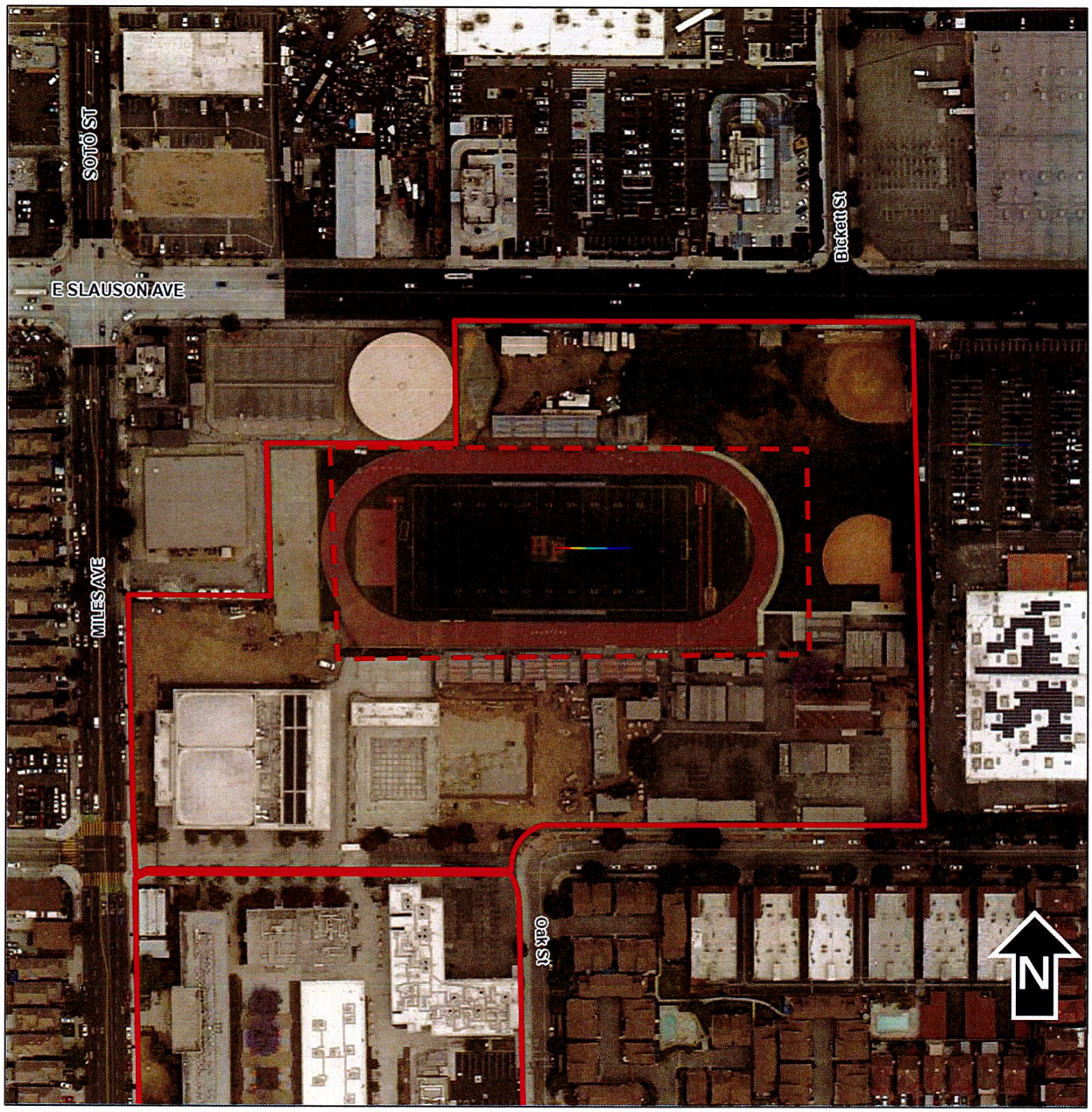
Attachment: Exhibit A – Site Plan

[7] Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, http://gis.planning.lacounty.gov/GIS-NET3_Public/Viewer.html, accessed October 2026.
[8] California Department of Toxic Substances, http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Cortese_List.cfm, accessed August 2026.

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EXHIBIT A – HUNTINGTON PARK HS SITE PLAN (not to scale)



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