

# Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**To:** Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons  
**From:** Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD)  
**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report. LBUSD is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project. LBUSD has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed project identified below:

**Project Title: Jordan High School Major Renovation Project (proposed project)**

**Project Location:** Jordan High School is located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue in the northern portion of the City of Long Beach. Regional access to the project site is provided via State Route 91 (SR 91), located approximately 0.25 miles north of the project site, and Interstate 710 (I-710), located approximately 0.45 miles west of the project site. The project site is located approximately 0.35 miles southeast of the I-710 and SR 91 interchange, which partially spans the Los Angeles River. Local access is provided via major north-south and east-west oriented roads including Artesia Boulevard, located approximately 335 feet north of the project site; Orange Avenue, located approximately 0.28 miles east of the project site; Harding Street, located approximately 0.23 miles south of the project site; and Atlantic Avenue, which forms the western boundary of the project site.

The project site is bound by single-family residences on the north, Myrtle Avenue on the east, Houghton Park on the south, and Atlantic Avenue on the west. Single-family residences are located to the north, east, south, and west of the project site, with some multi-family residential uses located west of the project site. Several single-family residences are located adjacent to the northern property line of the project site. These residences front Coolidge Street, an east-west oriented cul-de-sac located north of the project site, while their backyard areas are directly adjacent to the project site. Additionally, some commercial land uses are located northwest of the project site at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Artesia Boulevard. Houghton Park, located directly adjacent to the southern boundary of the project site, includes 26.4 acres consisting of open grassy areas, a baseball field, a basketball court, community center, picnic area, playground, soccer and softball fields, tennis courts, and a volleyball court. The park hosts various City of Long Beach youth recreation programs and adult classes, and includes a teen and a senior center. The project site is located approximately 0.22 miles east of the Los Angeles River.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would include implementation of the proposed campus master plan in approximately six phases starting in January 2014, with the full buildout being completed over several years as funding becomes available. To implement the campus master plan, the proposed project would include demolition of approximately 10 permanent buildings and 32 portable buildings, renovation of approximately 213,000 square feet of existing building space, and construction of approximately 240,000 square feet of new building space, to replace the classrooms that were demolished. At full buildout, the project site would consist of approximately 453,000 square feet of total building space.

As of the 2012-2013 school year, the student enrollment at Jordan High School was 3,604. No change in student enrollment is anticipated with the implementation of the proposed project. The existing student capacity of the school is 3,930. At project buildout, the total capacity of the school would be 3,870 students. Although the overall square footage on campus would increase, the additional square footage would account for laboratories and other ancillary facilities. Land uses on the project site would not change and the proposed project would not result in an expansion of uses. All phases of the proposed project would be contained within the existing boundaries of the school site.

An additional parking lot would be constructed at the southwestern portion of the campus. Additionally, the existing parking lot located within the northern portion of the project site would be reconfigured, but no changes to the campus ingress and egress points are proposed. The student drop-off area and parking

lot along Atlantic Avenue would be reconfigured but would remain in the same location. Site walkways and restrooms would also be upgraded to meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

The existing auditorium on the project site would be upgraded in accordance with Assembly Bill 300 requirements for seismic retrofit. Improvements to the auditorium would consist of structural upgrades, improvements to the building interior, auditorium stage and seating, lighting and sound systems, fire alarm system, emergency lighting systems and plumbing systems.

**Summary of Impacts:** The proposed project would result in no impacts to agriculture and forestry resources, biological resources, land use and planning, mineral resources, and population and housing. The proposed project would result in less than significant impacts related to aesthetics, operational and construction air quality, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, operational noise and vibration, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, and utilities and services systems. The proposed project would result in significant unavoidable adverse impacts related to construction noise and vibration.

**Draft EIR Public Meeting:** LBUSD will conduct a public meeting on the Draft EIR on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Jordan High School – Media Center Building. Jordan High School is located at 6500 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach, CA, 90805.

**Document Availability:** The Draft EIR and Appendices are available for review at the following locations:

- Long Beach Main Library (101 Pacific Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90822)
- Signal Hill Library (1770 East Hill Street, Signal Hill, CA 90755)
- Angelo M. Iacoboni Library (4990 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, CA 90712)
- LBUSD Facilities Branch Office, 2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach, CA
- Online at the LBUSD website <http://lbschools.net/District/MeasureK/jordan-ceqa-notice.pdf>

**Comment Period:** LBUSD will accept written comments from September 5, 2013 to October 19, 2013. Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2013. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your responses and comments to: Tom Rizzuti, Long Beach Unified School District, 2425 Webster Avenue, Long Beach, California 90810. Your comments may also be sent by fax to (562) 595-8644 or by e-mail to [facilitiesmail@lbschools.net](mailto:facilitiesmail@lbschools.net) (please include the name of the project in the subject heading). After close of the public comment period, LBUSD will prepare responses to timely written comments and the Final EIR. LBUSD's Board of Education will consider certifying the Final EIR and adopting findings, a statement of overriding considerations, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.