



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING DIVISION

May 28, 2020

Sam Dunlap
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Subject: Assembly Bill (AB) 52 (Public Resources Code §21080.3.1): The Affinity Project located in the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Dunlap,

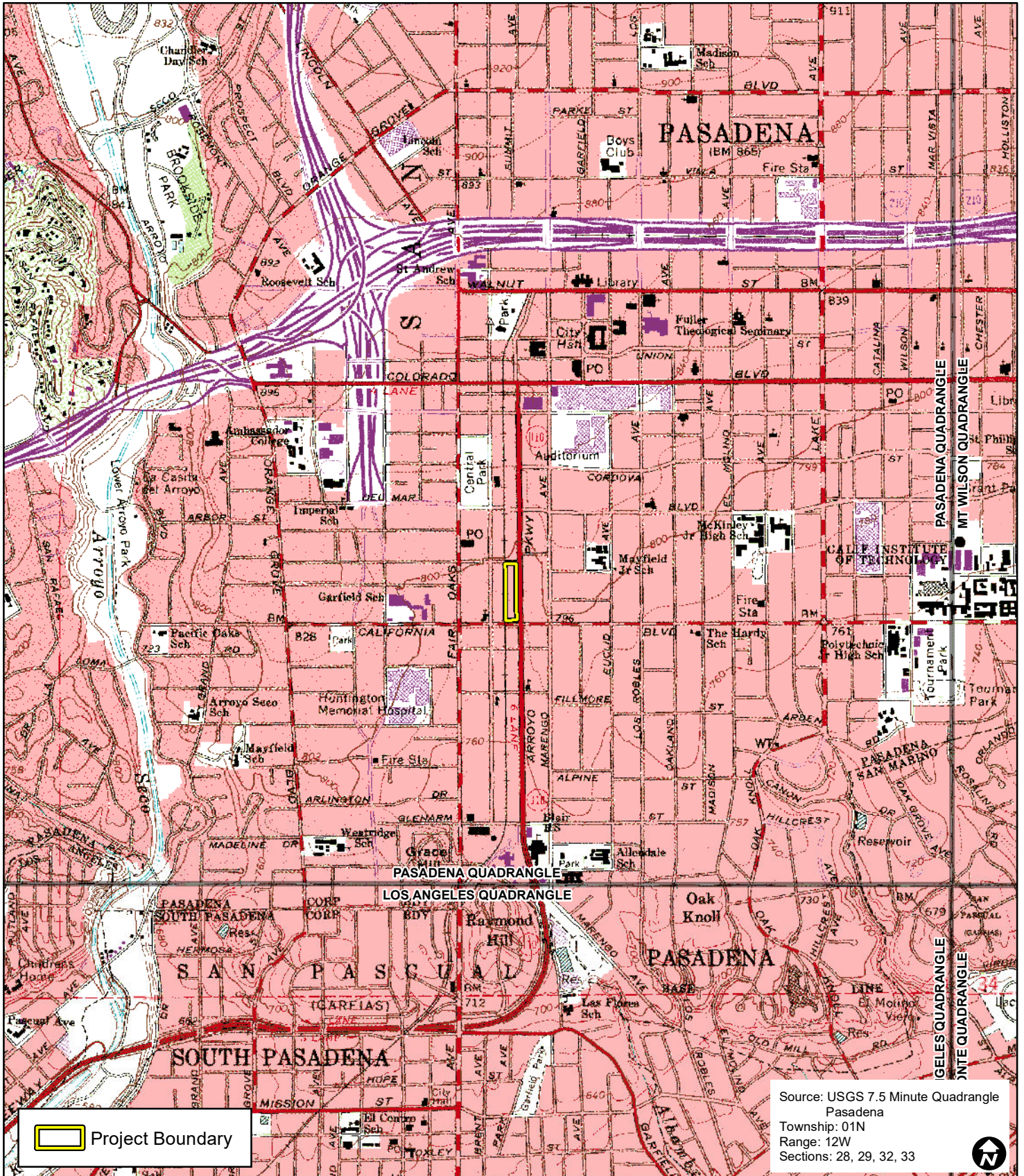
The City of Pasadena (City) is the lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for The Affinity Project (Project). The Project proposes partial redevelopment of an approximate 3.3-acre site encompassing the nine commercial properties located between 465 and 557 South Arroyo Parkway. As illustrated on Exhibit 1, the site is bound by East California Boulevard on the north, the Metro Gold Line on the west, East Bellevue Drive on the south, and South Arroyo Parkway on the east. The Project Applicant proposes demolishing six of the nine existing structures and constructing a 147,500-gross square feet (gsf), 7-story building with 144,500 gsf of medical office uses and 3,000-gsf of ground-floor commercial uses; and a 184,500-gsf, 8-story assisted living facility that would include 90 independent senior housing units. Three of the existing structures would be retained and integrated into the Project, including the Whole Foods grocery store and subterranean parking and the two historic structures at 501 and 523 South Arroyo Parkway. Four levels of subterranean parking would be constructed to serve the proposed land uses. The Project would not require a General Plan Amendment or Zone Change.

AB 52 requires lead agencies to consult with California Native American tribes that request such consultation in writing prior to the agency's release of a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR or notice of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), or Negative Declaration (ND). To that end, the City is notifying you of this Project. AB 52 allows tribes 30 days after receiving notification to request consultation. However, the State of California also recognizes that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some local governments and California Native American tribes may find it difficult to engage in the consultation required by the CEQA. In response to these difficulties, and pursuant to Executive Order (EO) N-54-20, signed April 22, 2020, certain timeframes for tribal consultation required under AB 52 have been suspended for 60 days. Specifically, the EO suspends the timeframes governing when a tribe must request consultation and when lead agencies must begin the consultation process for an EIR, ND, or MND. These provisions remain in effect through June 21, 2020 and grant the tribes until June 22 before requesting consultation from a lead agency.

Your participation in this local planning process is important. If you possess any information or knowledge regarding Native American Sacred Lands or other tribal cultural resources in and around the Project site and wish to consult with the City regarding these resources or mitigation measures to reduce the Project's impacts on them, please direct your email to Luis Rocha at lrocha@cityofpasadena.net or submit your written correspondence on this matter to:

Luis Rocha
Senior Planner
Planning and Community Development Department
175 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, California 91101

Exhibit 1: Project Location



Source: USGS 7.5 Minute Quadrangle
Pasadena
Township: 01N
Range: 12W
Sections: 28, 29, 32, 33



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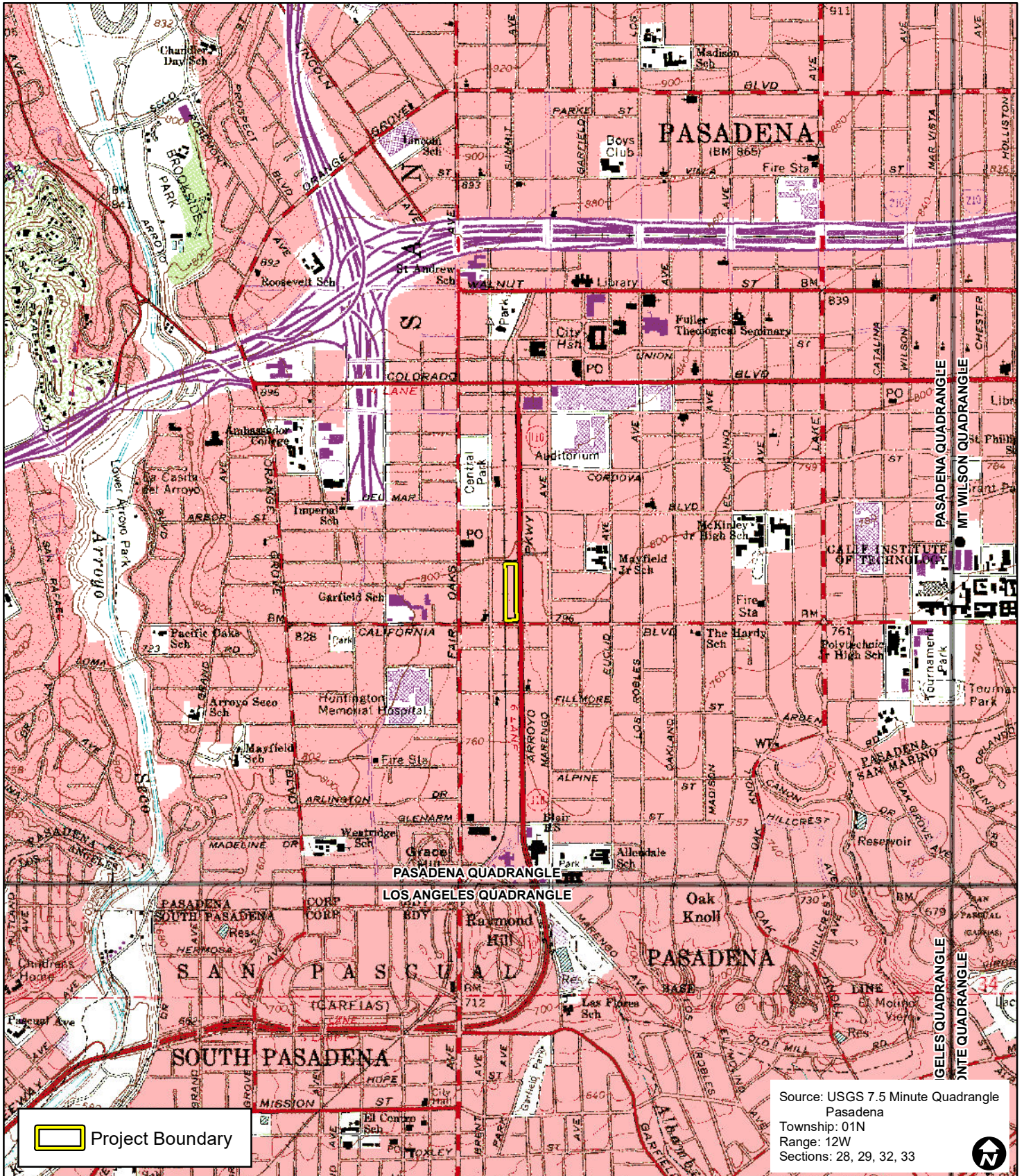
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