

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND SCHEDULED SCOPING MEETING FOR THE
LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT 10th SITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT**

July 15, 2022

The Los Altos School District (District) is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a new school campus, to be located at the San Antonio Center shopping mall at the intersection of California Street and Showers Drive in Mountain View (see **Figure 1**). With the project, the District would develop its tenth school campus, which may serve a range of grades and student populations over time. As the District serves grades Kindergarten (K) through 8, the only format that is ruled out is high school. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires that the District conduct environmental review of the project, which has the potential to result in physical change in the environment. The District is the “Lead Agency” for the project and is the public agency with the principal responsibility for approving and carrying out the project. The District has determined that an EIR will be the required CEQA document for the project.

The District is issuing this Notice of Preparation (NOP) to invite comments on the scope and content of the EIR prior to its preparation. This NOP is being sent to local agencies, nearby residents, and other interested parties. When the draft EIR is published, it will be sent to all parties who respond to this NOP or who otherwise indicate that they would like to receive a copy of the draft EIR. Note that the draft EIR may be distributed in electronic format.

RESPONDING TO THIS NOP: Responses to this NOP and any related questions or comments regarding the scope or content of the Draft EIR must be directed in writing to **Superintendent, Los Altos School District, 201 Covington Road, Los Altos, CA 94024** or by e-mail to **Sandra Bush at SBush@lasdschools.org**.

Comments on the NOP must be received at the above mailing or e-mail address within 30 days of receipt of this notice, or **before August 15 at 5:00 PM**. Please reference the project title of **“10th Site Community School LASD”** in all correspondence.

Responses to this NOP should focus, specific to this project, on the potentially significant environmental effects that the project may have on the physical environment, ways in which those effects might be minimized, and potential alternatives to the project that should be addressed in the EIR. This focus aligns with the purpose of the EIR to inform the public about these aspects of the project.

EXISTING CONDITIONS: Existing commercial structures on the already-developed site include four buildings that total 137,152 gross square feet (gsf) of building space. These buildings have been occupied by Kohl’s, 24-Hour Fitness, and Jo-Ann Fabrics.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The four existing buildings on the site would be demolished and the parking lots and landscape areas thoroughly regraded, repaved, and replanted. The proposed school facilities that would be built on the site would include library, administration, and multi-purpose buildings that are planned for change and expansion. The facilities could serve up to 900 students,

although the school might initially serve 600 students or less. The EIR will evaluate a student population of 900 students.

Under the Open Space Park Property Transfer Agreement between the District and the City of Mountain View (City), 2.0 acres of the 11.7-acre site would be conveyed to the City for future development of a City neighborhood park. Because of the commitment to joint community use for the recreational facilities on the site, the school would have a compact footprint and be developed in a two-story building type. The gym and library and meeting space are independently accessible from the perimeter to allow for extended hours for these potential community uses. Classrooms for 600 students would include about 33,600 square feet housed in a two-story building. An additional 300-student wing might be built, which would add about 13,650 square feet. The total building area at full buildout would be approximately 47,250 square feet. The EIR will evaluate the full buildout square footage.

Separate vehicle entries, parking, and drop-off areas would be provided for the new school. The drop-off area would be located in front of the Administration Building in the main school parking area, in between the school site and the area to be transferred to the City for dedication as a City park. Car access would be from Pacchetti Way along the property line that runs along the park and the athletic field, leading to the school parking area. Two exits would be provided: one on California Street and one on Pacchetti Way. There would be no entry from California Street except for emergency vehicles. Approximately 54 parking spaces would be provided, 4 of which would be handicapped-accessible (under the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA]). The site would be laid out to allow overflow event parking on the blacktop playground adjacent to the parking area.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The EIR will address the following potential environmental effects: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology/Soils, Hazards, Noise, Public Services, Recreation, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities. The EIR will examine project and cumulative effects and a reasonable range of alternatives to the project that may be capable or reducing or avoiding potential environmental effects that may be identified for the project. The topics of Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Mineral Resources, Population/Housing, and Wildfire will not be addressed in the EIR as these do not apply to the project.

SCOPING MEETING: A scoping meeting will be held online Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be streamed via Zoom webinar. The link to the meeting is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86045748t74?pwd=cEZQQ2RmK2NVbWx6M2JtWitKQ3luUT09>, Passcode: 5WFm03. This meeting will include a brief overview of the project and the EIR process and allow time for public comment.


Signature
Los Altos School District


Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Title


Date

This graphic shows school site plan layout with two playing fields NW of buildings. Future 2-acre City park adjacent to ball fields. Parking area east of future city park. School buildings at corner of California Street and Showers Drive.

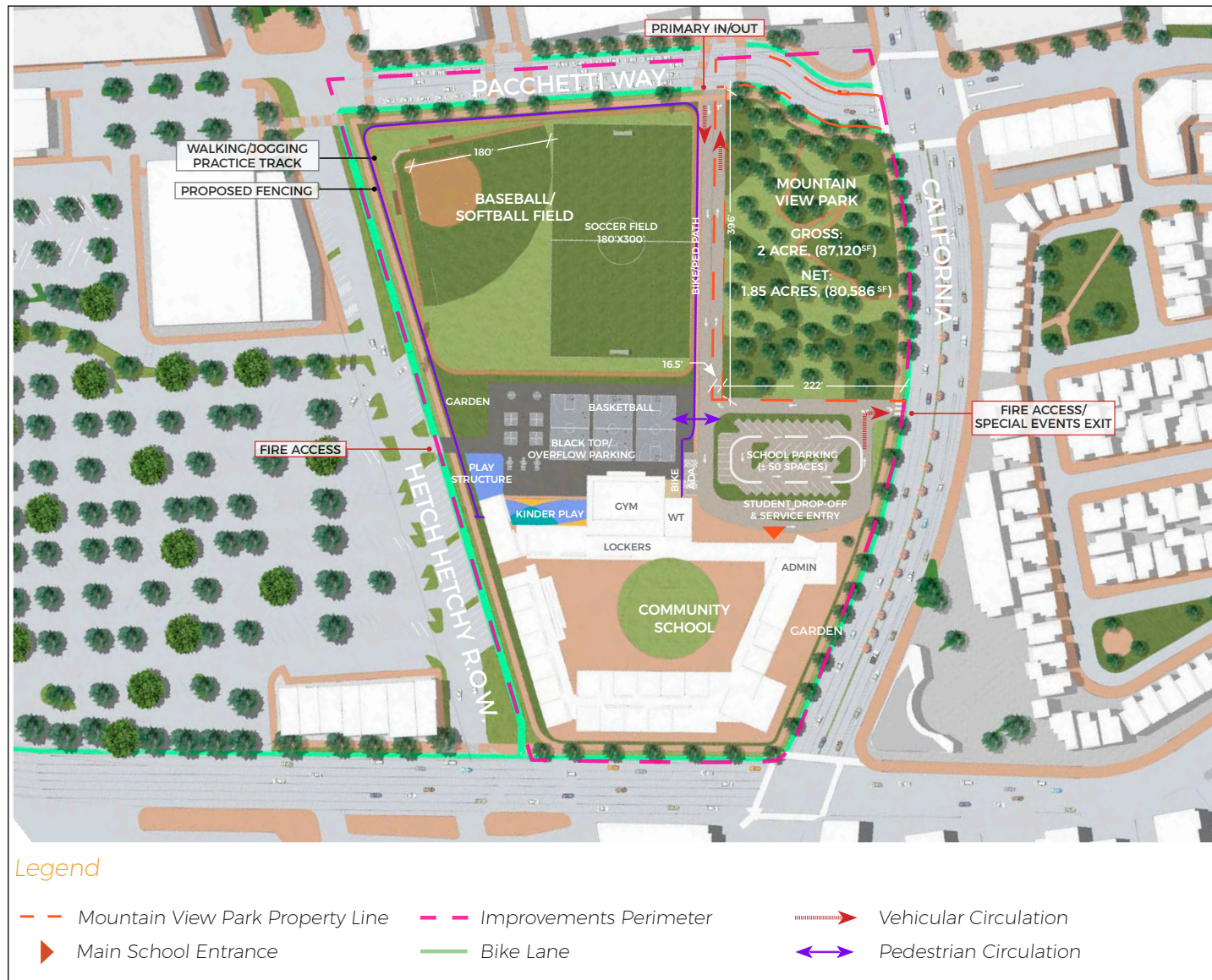


Figure 1

SOURCE: Gelfand Partners Architects, 2022

SITE PLAN FOR LASD 10th SITE COMMUNITY SCHOOL