

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Bus Yard at Sowers Middle School

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Project Location: Huntington Beach, Orange County

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project consists of a bus storage facility located at the northwestern corner of the existing Sowers Middle school campus and offices, a lounge and restrooms for District staff. The District proposes 15 bus parking stalls, 14 regular parking stalls, one handicapped stall, and an approximately 1,280-square-foot building with office, lounge and restrooms. The District would operate its routes using 15 buses – five diesel, three gasoline, and seven compressed natural gas (CNG) buses. Bus operations would include pre-trip bus testing starting as early as 6:00 am on school days. Startup testing includes momentary testing of horns and blinkers, air brakes, wheelchair lifts and bus idling for approximately 35 to 45 minutes. Repair and refueling activities would occur at an off-site location, as under current conditions. Inspection, washing, and simple upkeep would occur at the bus storage facility. In an emergency, upkeep utilizing an air compressor, pneumatic tools and/or a pneumatic jack would occur at the facility, such as when changing a flat tire. The access point at Titan Way would become access exclusively for the bus storage facility.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The proposed Bus Storage Facility at Isaac L. Sowers Middle School Project can potentially affect cultural resources, geology and soils, noise, and tribal cultural resources, to a potentially significant level. For potentially significant impacts, mitigation measures have been incorporated. Mitigation measures would include obtaining a qualified archaeologist approved to establish procedures for temporarily halting or redirecting work to permit sampling, identification, and evaluation of cultural resource finds; stopping construction activities within 50 feet if unique paleontological resources are discovered and a paleontologist must be consulted to determine if further study is necessary; vibratory compaction within 25 to 135 feet of sensitive receptor structures should use a static roller instead of a vibratory roller and vibratory rollers must not exceed 0.20 inches per second peak particle velocity at distances greater than 25 feet, but must exceed 72 VdB threshold at distances up to 135 feet; retaining and paying for a Tribal monitor/consultant who is ancestrally connected to the project area and listed on the Native American Heritage Commission's Tribal Contact list; halting construction activities near tribal cultural or archaeological resources until they can be assessed, and all resources discovered must be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist and tribal monitor/consultant; and in the event that human remains are discovered within the project site then the applicant must contact the County Coroner and excavation must halt until the coroner determines the nature of the remains and if the remains are identified as Native American, they must contact the NAHC within 24 hours and follow PRC 5097.98. Full implementation of these measures would eliminate or reduce impacts to a less-than-significant level.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Community members have raised issues concerning the location of the bus facility surrounded by a residential community, include noise, traffic safety and air quality.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

City of Huntington Beach
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board