



San Diego Unified
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice of Preparation

Perkins Elementary School Whole Site Modernization and Land Acquisition Project

January 2022



Project Location

- The project site consists of properties adjacent to the existing Perkins Elementary School campus, a portion of Main Street, and Perkins Elementary School, located at 1770 Main St, San Diego, CA 92113 in south San Diego County.

Project Description

- The San Diego Unified School District (District) is proposing to redevelop and expand the existing Perkins Elementary School campus for modernization of the existing two-story classroom building, multipurpose and kitchen building, administration building, and library.
- The District is also proposing the acquisition of properties across the street from the existing Perkins Elementary School campus, a public right-of-way vacation of Main Street between Sigsbee Street and Beardsley Street, and subsequent development of a new synthetic turf athletic field and associated structures, sound wall, and parking lot.
- See Notice of Preparation (NOP) for more detail.



Environmental Process – California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Purpose of CEQA:

1. Inform governmental decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
2. Identify the ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.
3. Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes to be feasible.
4. Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

The CEQA Guidelines, and District Specific CEQA Guidelines, lay out the general responsibilities of public agencies including the District.

Purpose of this Notice of Preparation

- Once the decision has been made to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a NOP of the EIR should be prepared and sent to the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) as well as state and local stakeholders.
- The NOP is intended to launch the “scoping” period for the EIR, during which other public agencies and members of the public have an opportunity to weigh in regarding the scope of the analysis that will be contained in the EIR.
- Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15082, the NOP must provide Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, and OPR with sufficient information about the project and its potential environmental impacts.



EIR Scoping

- The “scoping” period is an opportunity for agencies and the public to comment on the scope of issues to be addressed in the forthcoming EIR.
- **Public comments should focus on environmental topics that should be studied in the EIR.**
- Other opportunities for comment and discussion of the project’s merit and potential impacts are provided throughout the CEQA review process.
- Per California Government Code Section 21083.9, a public scoping meeting is only required if the project meets certain criteria. No scoping meeting is planned for the Proposed Project.

Subsequent EIR

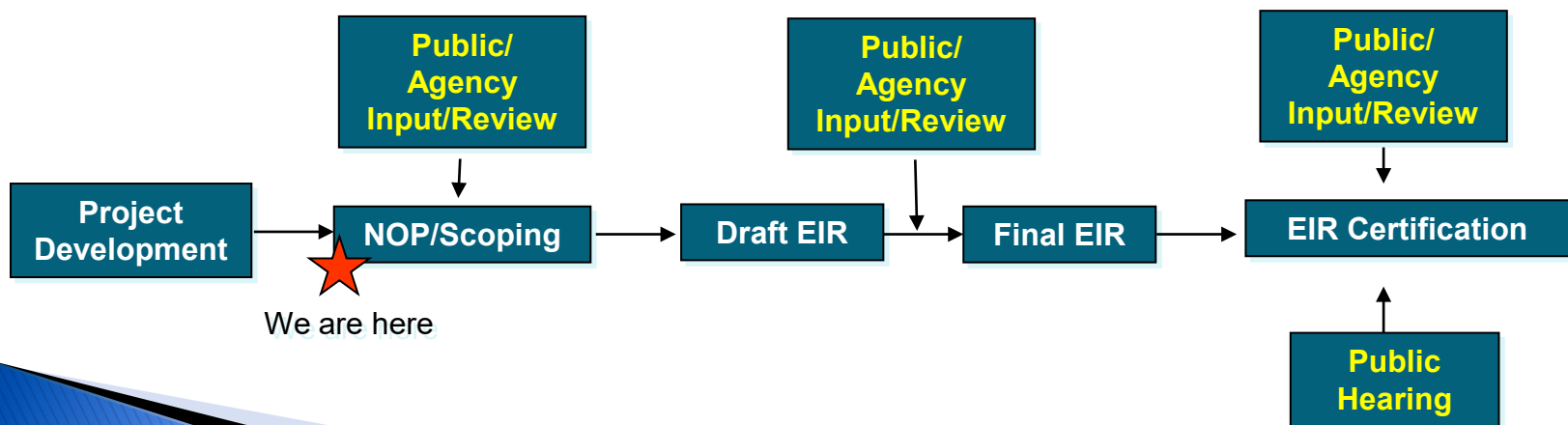
- The San Diego Unified School District, as Lead Agency, will prepare a Subsequent EIR for the Proposed Project, which tiers from the previously certified and approved Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Final Program EIR.
- A subsequent EIR is appropriate to update or expand upon a previously certified EIR when project changes or changed circumstances involve new significant environmental effects that were not identified in the previously certified EIR. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162)

The CIP Final Program EIR is available here:

https://sandiegounified.org/departments/facilities_planning_and_construction/environmental_reviews

Environmental Process – EIR Timeline

- Prepare & Publish Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study
 - 30 day public review period (January 28, 2022 to March 1, 2022)
- Prepare & Publish Draft EIR
 - 45-day public review period (public input)
- Prepare & Publish Final EIR with Responses to Comments
- Present the Final EIR to the District Board (public input)



Scope of the EIR

The EIR will analyze:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality and Health Risk
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation/Traffic/Parking
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems



How to Comment and Next Steps

- Email comments are preferred.
- Comments received after March 1, 2022 will not be included in the EIR, however there will be two more opportunities to comment
- The Draft EIR will be issued for 45-day public review in late summer/early fall.
- Board Certification of Final EIR tentatively scheduled for Spring 2023.



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