

Notice of Public Scoping Meeting

EIR NO.: ENV-2001-3473-EIR

PROJECT NAME: Harvard-Westlake's Middle School Campus Improvement Project

PROJECT LOCATION/ADDRESS: 700, 638, & 474 North Faring Road

PLANNING AREA: Bel Air- Beverly Crest

COUNCIL DISTRICT: 5

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE & LOCATION:

October 24, 2002 - 7:00PM

Harvard-Westlake School, 700 North Faring Road, Los Angeles

Marshall Center

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Conditional Use to permit the utilization of approximately 4 acres directly adjoining the existing site in addition to the existing approximately 11 acres campus site, construction of two new classroom buildings, expansion of two existing buildings, and the demolition of six buildings for a net floor area increase of approximately 85,000 square feet with a total project area of 235,000 square feet. The new and expanded facilities would include a library, classrooms, performing and fine arts facilities, athletic facilities, administrative offices, and a new auditorium that would seat 950, a 250-seat net increase above existing campus facilities. The project will not increase student enrollment above current levels, staffing needs could result in an increase of up to 12 additional staff members over 10 years. The athletic field would be reconfigured and increased by approximately 45,000 square feet to provide for additional practice area with no permanent field-seating or field night-lighting proposed. Class hours would continue to be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday, and campus hours would continue to be from approximately 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to accommodate faculty preparation time, extracurricular activities, and maintenance. The school would also continue to schedule other school-related events throughout the week including Saturday. On-site vehicle circulation will be improved to eliminate vehicle queuing on city streets with the addition of a new campus entrance on North Faring Road at Parkwood Drive and expanded student drop-off/loading area. A new parking facility with 74 below grade spaces and 42 at-grade spaces would supplement 74 other surface parking spaces for a total of 190 on-site parking spaces. The applicant also requests deviations from the height and area provisions of the Municipal Code to permit landscaping and hedges at the property lines to grow to any height (see LAMC Section 12.22.C.20 (f)), to allow the surface parking area and parking facility (below- and at-grade) with the front-yard setback area along North Faring Road (see LAMC Sections 12.07.01.C.1 and 12.21.A.6(a)) and to allow for some building heights to exceed 45 feet to a maximum of 75 feet (see LAMC Section 12.21.1). All building heights along North Faring Road would be within required height limits.

AREAS OF POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology & Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Land Use/Planning, Noise, Population & Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities/ Service Systems, Mandatory Findings of Significance.