

# DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

# RECOMMENDATION REPORT

# **City Planning Commission**

Date: November 19, 2020

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Public Hearing: September 15, 2020

**Appeal Status:** CPIO Amendment is appealable

to City Council if disapproved in whole or in part, Site Plan Review, ZAD and WDI are appealable to

City Council.

**Expiration Date:** November 19, 2020

Multiple Approval: Yes

PROJECT 5860 West Jefferson Boulevard

**LOCATION:** (legally described as Lot FR B, Block None, Tract PM 3730)

PROPOSED PROJECT:

The Project is proposing to redevelop a portion of the approximately 4.53-acre Project Site by replacing the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square-foot office building approximately 320 feet and 22 stories in height with parking provided in four subterranean levels. The existing approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building will remain. The Project includes parking with 908 automobile spaces and 104 bicycle spaces. Upon completion, the Project Site would include approximately 394,824 square feet of floor area.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Pursuant to California Environmental Quality ("CEQA") Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15164, in consideration of the whole of the administrative record, that the project was assessed in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2008-478-EIR, certified on June 29, 2016, and adopt the Addendum dated August 2020.
- 2. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Sections 12.32 and 13.14, an Amendment to the West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO Amendment), to amend provisions applicable to Parcel E only to allow:
- a. A maximum building height of 320 feet in lieu of the otherwise allowed 75 feet per

Case No.: CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-

SPR-WDI

**CEQA No.:** ENV-2008-478-EIR;

Addendum

Incidental Cases: None

Related Cases: ADM-2019-4994-CPIOC

**Council No.:** 10 – Wesson, Jr.

Plan Area: West Adams – Baldwin Hills –

Leimert

Plan Overlay: West Adams – Baldwin Hills –

Leimert CPIO

Certified NC: West Adams Neighborhood

Council South Area

**GPLU:** Hybrid Industrial **Zone:** CM-2D-CPIO

Overlay Subarea: Jefferson/ La Cienega TOD

**Applicant:** David McNaught

5850 West Jefferson, LLC

**Representative:** Francis Park

Park & Velayos LLP

CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(c).

- b. A maximum individual floor height of up to 37 feet and with atrium space up to 52 feet in height in lieu of the otherwise allowed 14 feet and 25 feet, respectively per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(e).
- 3. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.X.22, a Zoning Administrator Determination regarding transitional height to exceed the height limit of 61 feet within 100 to 199 feet of an OS zone;
- 4. Pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05, a Site Plan Review for the addition of over 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor area;
- 5. Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.37.I.2.b, a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement to utilize the 10-foot dedicated area for pedestrian and streetscape enhancements and additional landscaping as part of the Project.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:**

- 1. **FIND,** based on the independent judgement of the decision-maker, after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the project was assessed in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report No. ENV-2008-478-EIR, certified on June 29, 2016; and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Sections 15164 and the Addendum, dated August 2020, that no major revisions to the EIR are required and no subsequent EIR, or negative declaration is required for approval of the project.
- 2. **Approve and Recommend that City Council adopt a**, CPIO Amendment to the West Adams CPIO, to amend provisions applicable to Parcel E only to allow:
  - a. A maximum building height of 320 feet in lieu of the otherwise allowed 75 feet per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(c).
  - b. A maximum individual floor height of up to 37 feet and with atrium space up to 52 feet in height in lieu of the otherwise allowed 14 feet and 25 feet, respectively per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(e).
- 3. **Approve**, a Zoning Administrator Determination regarding transitional height to exceed the height limit of 61 feet within 100 to 199 feet of an OS zone;
- 4. **Approve**, a Site Plan Review for the addition of over 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor area;
- 5. **Approve**, a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement to utilize the 10-foot dedicated area for 3 feet of additional sidewalk to complete a 10 foot sidewalk and 7 feet of additional landscaping as part of the Project.

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# **PROJECT ANALYSIS**

#### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

The Project is proposing to redevelop a portion of the approximately 4.53-acre Project Site by replacing the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square-foot office building approximately 320 feet and 22 stories in height with parking provided in four subterranean levels. The existing approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building will remain. The Project includes parking with 908 automobile spaces and 104 bicycle spaces. Upon completion, the Project Site would include approximately 394,824 square feet of floor area, with a 2:1 FAR.

The project will also include approximately 100,054 square feet of open space. The project incorporates a green roof located at grade over the subterranean parking with extensive landscaping (approximately 47,854 square feet) in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park venue that surrounds the building and roofs.

The site is currently developed with a 49,877 square foot office building and surface parking lot, with 89 unprotected trees. The existing office building will remain along with 24 of the existing trees. The remaining 65 existing trees are proposed to be removed as a part of the project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

### Subject Property

The project site is located on the east side of Jefferson Boulevard less than 600 feet south of National Boulevard and less than 1,200 feet north of Obama Boulevard in the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan Area. The project site consists of two (2) lots totaling approximately 197,412 square feet, with approximately 515 feet of frontage along the east side of Jefferson Boulevard, as provided in Exhibit A. The site is currently developed with a 49,877 square foot office building and surface parking lot, with 89 unprotected trees. The existing office building will remain along with 24 of the existing trees. The remaining 65 existing trees are proposed to be removed as a part of the project, as provided in Exhibit B. There are no known designated historic resources or cultural monuments on the subject site.

#### Zoning and Land Use Designation

The project site is located in the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan, and is designated for Hybrid Industrial land uses, with the corresponding zone of CM. The site is zoned CM-2D-CPIO and is consistent with the land use designation. The site is located within Parcel Group E of the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD subarea of the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO). The CPIO contains additional regulations for use, ground floor and building height, density, floor area, building disposition, building design, and parking.

#### Surrounding Uses

The project site is located in the CM-2D-CPIO Zone in the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles and is bounded by commercial uses in the [T][Q]M1-2DCPIO and [Q]M1-2D-CPIO zones to the north, Ballona Creek in the OS zone to the west, commercial uses to the east in the MR1-1VL-CPIO and C4-2D-CPIO zones to the east and commercial uses in the MR1-1VL-CPIO zone to the south ("Project Site"). The Project Site is

located at 5860 West Jefferson Boulevard. The Project Site is approximately 197,412 square feet in area and is accessible via Jefferson Boulevard, which is a designated Modified Avenue II street in the Mobility Plan 2035.

#### Streets and Circulation

<u>Jefferson Boulevard</u>, abutting the property to the east, is a designated Modified Avenue II, with a designated right-of-way width of 90 feet and roadway width of 60 feet, and is developed with a curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

Obama Boulevard, to the south, is a designated Modified Avenue I, with a designated right-of-way width of 102 feet and roadway width of 78 feet, and is developed with a curb, gutter, and sidewalk

<u>National Boulevard</u>, to the north, is a designated Avenue II with a designated right-of-way width of 86 feet and a roadway width of 56 feet, and is developed with a curb, gutter, and sidewalk.

# Public Transit

The project site is located less than one-half mile of the intersection of La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, which serves the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority ("Metro") bus lines 28, 105, 217 and Metro Rapid bus line 705 and the La Cienega/ Jefferson Metro Light Rail station.

#### Relevant Cases and Building Permits

Subject Site:

No other relevant on-site cases.

Surrounding Sites:

Case No. CPC-2006-5567-CPU-M3: On October 11, 2018 the Commission approved a modification to the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan to amend the Jefferson/La Cienega Transit Oriented Development Subarea in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) for subject lots from Parcel Group A to Parcel Group F and adopt a zone change ordinance to modify the height district for the subject lots from 1VL to 2D. The modification will result in the re-designation of subject lots from Parcel Group A to Parcel Group F, a maximum height increase from 45 feet to 75 feet and a floor area ratio (FAR) increase from 1.5:1 FAR to a 2:1 FAR. The existing underlying zone of MR1 ("Restricted Industrial Zone") and General Plan land use designation for the subject lots of Limited Industrial will remain at 5870, 5880, and 5890 West Jefferson Boulevard; 5869, 5871, 5877, and 5901 West Rodeo Road; and APN: 4205-027-019, 4205-027-004, 4205-027-001 ("Subject Lots").

Case No. CPC-2015-2593-GPA-ZC-HD-ZAA-SPR, VTTM 73656 On May 25, 2016, the City Council approved and Adopted Findings for a General Plan Amendment, Zone Change and Height District Change, Site Plan Review and Vesting Tentative Tract Map that conditionally approved the construction, use and maintenance of a 320 foot high mixed-use project consisting of 1,210 residential units, 200,000 square feet of office and 50,000 square feet of grocery store, 20,000 square feet of restaurant space and 30,000 square feet of general retail at 3321, 3351 South La Cienega Boulevard, 5707-5735 West Jefferson Boulevard.

#### **REQUESTED ACTIONS**

# Community Plan Implementation Overlay Amendment

Pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.32 and 13.14, the applicant has requested an Amendment to the West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO Amendment), to amend provisions applicable to Parcel E only to allow:

- A maximum building height of 320 feet in lieu of the otherwise allowed 75 feet per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(c)
- A maximum individual floor height of up to 37 feet and with atrium space up to 52 feet in height in lieu of the otherwise allowed 14 feet and 25 feet, respectively per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(e).

#### **Zoning Administrator Determination**

In accordance with LAMC Section 12.24.X.22, the applicant has requested a Zoning Administrator Determination for a development project that exceeds the height limit of 61 feet within 100 to 199 feet of an OS zone. Ballona Creek is west of the subject site across Jefferson Boulevard and is zoned OS.

#### Site Plan Review

In accordance with LAMC Section 16.05, the applicant has requested a Site Plan Review for a development project that creates or results in an increase of 50,000 square-feet or more of non-residential square footage. The site is currently developed with a 49,877 square-foot office building. Given the proposed construction of 344,947 square feet of new commercial office space, the project results in a net increase of 344,947 on the subject site.

# Waiver of Development Improvements

Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.37.I, the applicant has requested a Waiver of Dedication and Improvement to utilize the 10-foot dedicated area for pedestrian and streetscape enhancements and additional landscaping as part of the Project. The Applicant is only proposing a Waiver of Improvement, as BOE is not requiring a dedication beyond the already dedicated 10 feet.

# **CEQA**

The project seeks to find, based on the independent judgement of the Commission; after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the project was assessed in EIR No. ENV-2008-478-EIR certified on June 29, 2016, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162 and 15164, and the Addendum dated August 2020, no major revisions are required to the EIR and no subsequent EIR or negative declaration is required of the project.

#### Issues

The Project Site is located in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the CPIO, which consists of a mix of commercial and industrial uses. The Community Plan identifies the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea as a multimodal village that includes a mixture of uses and balances the need for jobs, housing, open space, goods, and services while being sensitive to its surrounding neighborhood character. The Subarea is intended to preserve industrial land uses, support the creation of high wage jobs and training opportunities in the local area and encourage a mix of uses to support a balance of jobs, housing and neighborhood serving amenities. The Project, with

344,947 amount of creative and flexible office space, is consistent with the General Plan, Community Plan and Subarea goals because they allow employment growth to occur for existing businesses that may wish to expand or redevelop at the Project Site.

By targeting employment growth within a quarter mile of the La Cienega Expo Line Transit Station, the Project advances the City's goals for the area. The close proximity to the Expo Line increases accessibility to an employment center resulting in a reduction of vehicle miles traveled in nearby neighborhoods. Supporting the Project Site as a job center will provide more employment opportunities in the local area as well as provide more options for commuting through public transit.

The subject lots are currently occupied by surface parking and an approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building that does not maximize the employment generating potential. Most of the Project Site is covered by surface parking. Increasing the maximum building height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope with open concept floor plans made for creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing maximum height also allows for a smaller building footprint and good building design, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses.

Furthermore, the design of the proposed Project incorporates a green roof located at grade over the subterranean parking with extensive landscaping in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape, thereby encouraging walking and passive recreation. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park-like setting that surrounds the Project and roofs.

The Project also enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design favors the pedestrian through four levels of subterranean parking. This design allows for a parklike setting for users of the site, as well as the community in general. The pedestrian and streetscape environment are further enhanced by the tower design that allows for approximately 24 percent of the site to be landscaped and green. As a result, the Project design promotes pedestrian and transit connectivity and alternative modes of travel consistent with this Transit Priority Area.

#### Public Hearing

The public hearing was held on September 15, 2020 at approximately 1:30 pm telephonically via Zoom In conformance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020). The public hearing was attended by the applicant's representative (Francis Park) and the architect, Eric Owen Moss, and approximately thirty six (36) members from the community. Twenty members of the community spoke at the hearing. Those supporting the project cited the project's alluring design, generous open space, and significant of an investment of this caliber to the social and economic growth of the community as reasons for their enthusiastic support. There were ten comments in opposition of the project including from representatives of Global 78 Union, IBEW, the Electrical Workers Local Union 11, the LA Sheet Metal Workers, Ironworkers Union, and Creed LA. Opponents expressed primarily that the project should provide living wages, however some also expressed concerns for the scale of the project and the available infrastructure to support the project.

#### Project Design (Urban Design Studio/ Professional Volunteer Program)

On December 17, 2019 the project was presented to the Urban Design Studio's Professional Volunteer Program (PVP). While the project received generally positive feedback, there were a few issues raised with regards to Pedestrian First and Climate Adapted Design principles. The

conceptual circulation diagram indicates a proposed pedestrian crossing near Jefferson Boulevard. There were questions as to whether there was an opportunity to create a pedestrian connection via a welcoming plaza located where the loading zone is and if the loading zone could be relocated to the east side of the site. Similarly, the applicants were asked to consider the pedestrian experience as you cross Corbett Street where it meets Jefferson Boulevard and consider creating a direct pedestrian path of travel or focal point plaza closer to pedestrian crossing points.

The applicants were also asked to focus on sustainability and green features to increase opportunities to capture stormwater, promote habitat and lower energy demand and consider adding more trees for shade. There was discussion suggesting that the project should dedicate at least 15% of the available rooftop space for the installation of solar; consider reusing the graywater for landscape irrigation; and an emphasis on the importance of LID compliance due to the project's proximity to Ballona Creek. These issues are outlined and addressed by the applicant in Exhibit H.

# **CONCLUSION**

Based on the information submitted to the record, staff recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the construction of a 344,947 square-foot office building approximately 320 feet and 22 stories in height with parking provided in four subterranean levels with a Community Plan Implementation Overlay Amendment.

Staff also recommends that the City Planning Commission approve a Zoning Administrator Determination for a project that exceeds a 61-foot transitional height limit for a project within 100 feet of the OS zone pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.X.22; approve a Site Plan Review for a project resulting in an increase of 50,000 square feet or more of non-residential floor area pursuant to LAMC Section 16.05; and a Waiver of Development Standards or Improvements pursuant to LAMC Section 12.37.I. Approval of the project will facilitate the goals, objectives and policies of the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community plan by improving the area's economic vitality, increasing land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the CPIO, introducing over 100,000 square feet of publicly accessible open space and creating new pedestrian connections to the nearby public transit station. The 5850 Project would redevelop the Project Site and generate approximately 1,380 jobs on-site, contributing toward the 8,000 jobs envisioned in the Community Plan.

# **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

- 1. Site Development. Except as modified herein, the project shall be in substantial conformance with the plans and materials submitted by the Applicant, stamped "Exhibit A," and attached to the subject case file. No change to the plans will be made without prior review by the Department of City Planning, West/South/Coastal Project Planning Division, and written approval by the Director of Planning. Each change shall be identified and justified in writing. Minor deviations may be allowed in order to comply with the provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or the project conditions.
- 2. **Floor Area Ratio**. The project shall be limited to a maximum floor area ratio ("FAR") of 2:1.
- 3. **Land Use.** Any new use or change of use shall be subject to the use regulations set forth in Table V-1 of the CPIO.
- 4. Height (CPIO Amendment).
  - a. The project shall be limited to 22 stories and 320 feet in height per Exhibit "A".
  - b. The maximum individual floor height shall be up to 37 feet and with atrium space up to 52 feet in height in lieu of the otherwise allowed 14 feet and 25 feet, respectively per CPIO Section V-2(A)(1)(e)..
- 5. **Transitional Height (ZAD).** Transitional height requirements of LAMC Section 12.21.1.A.10 shall not apply.
- 6. **Community Plan Implementation Overlay.** Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the applicant shall demonstrate compliance with the West Adams Baldwin Hills Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) pursuant to Ordinance No. 184794.
- 7. **Open Space**. The project shall provide a minimum of 100,054 square feet of publicly accessible open space per Exhibit "A".
- 8. **Zoning**. The project shall comply with all other requirements of the CM-2D-CPIO zone.
- 9. Waiver of Street Improvement (BOE).
  - Jefferson Boulevard Construct additional concrete sidewalk in the public right-of-way to complete a 10-foot sidewalk. The applicant may obtain a revocable permit from the Central District Office of the Bureau of Engineering for additional landscaping proposed in the dedicated right-of-way.
- 10. **Automobile Parking.** The project shall provide commercial parking at a rate of one (1) space per 500 square feet of floor area as required by the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 12.21.A.4(c). Pursuant to Section V-2.E of the West Adams Baldwin Hills Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay ("CPIO") the project shall provide commercial parking at a maximum of 90% of the parking otherwise required by the Los Angeles Municipal Code ("LAMC") Section 12.21.A.4(c).
- 11. Electric Vehicle Parking. All electric vehicle charging spaces (EV Spaces) and electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) shall comply with the regulations outlined in Sections 99.04.106 and 99.05.106 of Article 9, Chapter IX of the LAMC.
- 12. Bicycle Parking. Bicycle parking shall be provided consistent with LAMC 12.21 A.16.

- 13. **Landscape Plan.** The project shall provide a minimum of 47,854 square feet of landscaped open space per Exhibit "A"
- 14. **Streetscape Plan.** The project shall be in substantial conformance with the Streetscape, Mobility, and Open Space guidelines enumerated in Appendix A of the West Adams Baldwin Hills Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay.
- 15. **Street Trees.** Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. Parkway tree removals shall be replanted at a 2:1 ratio. All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. Street Trees shall be in conformance with Streetscape guidelines enumerated in Appendix A of the CPIO.
- 16. Lighting. All pedestrian walkways and vehicle access points will be well-lit. All outdoor lighting will be shielded to prevent excessive illumination and mitigate light impacts on adjacent residential properties and the public right-of-way. Utilize adequate, uniform, and glare-free lighting, such as dark-sky compliant fixtures, to avoid uneven light distribution, harsh shadows, and light spillage.
- 17. **Lighting.** All outdoor and parking lighting shall be shielded and down-cast within the site in a manner that prevents the illumination of adjacent public rights-of-way, adjacent properties, and the night sky (unless otherwise required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) or for other public safety purposes).
- 18. **Solar and Electric Generator.** Generators used during the construction process shall be electric or solar powered. Solar generator and electric generator equipment shall be located as far away from sensitive uses as feasible.
- 19. Or: Where power poles are available, electricity from power poles and/or solar-powered generators rather than temporary diesel or gasoline generators shall be used during construction. (WL)
- 20. **Solar-ready Buildings.** The Project shall comply with the Los Angeles Municipal Green Building Code, Section 99.05.211, to the satisfaction of the Department of Building and Safety.
- 21. **Signage**. There shall be no off-site commercial signage on construction fencing during construction.
- 22. **Security Devices.** Exterior roll-down doors shall be no less than 75 percent transparent.

#### **Environmental Conditions**

- 23. **AE3** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that glare effects be limited by using non-reflective building and construction materials, such as concrete, wood, and stucco. This shall include, but not be limited to, art installations, fencing material, and recreational equipment.
- 24. **AQ1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that all contractors include the following best management practices in contract specifications:

- Use properly tuned and maintained equipment.
- Contractors shall enforce the idling limit of five minutes as set forth in the California Code of Regulations.
- Use diesel-fueled construction equipment to be retrofitted with after treatment products (e.g. engine catalysts) to the extent they are readily available and feasible.
- Use heavy-duty diesel-fueled equipment that uses low NOx diesel fuel to the extent it is ready available and feasible.
- Use construction equipment that uses low polluting fuels (i.e. compressed natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, and unleaded gasoline) to the extent available and feasible.
- Maintain construction equipment in good operating condition to minimize air pollutants.
- All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 horsepower shall meet the Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with Best Available Control Technologies devices certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.
- Construction contractors shall use electricity from power poles rather than temporary gasoline or diesel power generators, as feasible.
- Use building materials, paints, sealants, mechanical equipment, and other materials that yield low air pollutants and are nontoxic.
- Construction contractors shall utilize super-compliant architectural coatings as defined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (VOC standard of less than ten grams per liter).
- Construction contractors shall utilize materials that do not require painting, as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall use pre-painted construction materials, as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall provide temporary traffic controls such as a flag person, during all phases of construction to maintain smooth traffic flow.
- Construction contractors shall provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site as feasible.

- Construction contractors shall reroute construction trucks away from congested streets or sensitive receptor areas as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall appoint a construction relations officer to act as a community liaison concerning on-site construction activity including resolution of issues related to PM10 generation.
- 25. **BR1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that in order to prevent the disturbance of nesting native and/or migratory bird species, all clearing of a project site should take place between September 1 and February 14. If construction is scheduled or ongoing during bird nesting season (February 15 to August 31), qualified biologists shall survey the area within 200 feet (or up to 300 feet, depending on topography or other factors, and 500 feet for raptors) of the construction activity to determine if construction would disturb nesting birds. If nesting activity is being compromised, construction shall be suspended in the vicinity of the nest until fledging is complete. This mitigation measure shall be implemented by a qualified biologist under contract with the project applicant(s). The project biologist should prepare a report detailing the results of the construction monitoring efforts. The report should be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) within two months of the completion of the monitoring activities.
  - **BR2** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that during the final design phase of the proposed project, and prior to the start of the demolition/construction phase, the project applicant shall submit a final landscape plan to the City of Los Angeles for approval by the City's Chief Forester and the Director of the Bureau of Street Services. The final landscape plan shall include provisions to either protect in place the existing protected trees in or adjacent to the project site, per the requirements of the City of Los Angeles Tree Preservation Ordinance.
- 26. **CR5** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that prior to excavation and construction on a proposed project site, the prime construction contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall be cautioned on the legal and/or regulatory implications of knowingly destroying cultural resources or removing artifacts, human remains, bottles, and other cultural materials from the proposed project site.
  - **CR6** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if during any phase of project construction any cultural materials are encountered, construction activities within a 50-meter radius shall be halted immediately, and the project applicant shall notify the City. A qualified prehistoric archaeologist (as approved by the City) shall be retained by the project applicant and shall be allowed to conduct a more detailed inspection and examination of the exposed cultural materials. During this time, excavation and construction would not be allowed in the immediate vicinity of the find. However, those activities could continue in other areas of the project site.
  - **CR7** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if any find were determined to be significant by the archaeologist, the City and the archaeologist would meet to determine the appropriate course of action.

**CR8** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that all cultural materials recovered from the site would be subject to scientific analysis, professional museum curation, and a report prepared according to current professional standards.

**CR9**<sup>2</sup>Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that during excavation and grading, if paleontological resources are uncovered, all work in that area shall cease and be diverted so as to allow for a determination of the value of the resource. Construction activities in that area may commence once the uncovered resources are collected by a paleontologist and properly processed. Any paleontological remains and/or reports and surveys shall be submitted to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum.

**CR10** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if human remains are unearthed at a project site during construction, work at the specific construction site at which the remains have been uncovered shall be suspended, and the City of Los Angeles Public Works Department and County coroner shall be immediately notified. No further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are determined to be those of a Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in Sacramento shall be contacted before the remains are removed in accordance with Section 21083.2 of the California Public Resources Code.

27. **GHG1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that the following greenhouse gas reduction measures are incorporated into the project design:

Install energy efficient lighting (e.g., light emitting diodes), heating and cooling systems, appliances, equipment, and control systems).

Install light colored "cool" roofs and cool pavements.

Create water-efficient landscapes.

Install water-efficient fixtures and appliances.

28. **HM1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" that involves new construction that will involve soil disturbance shall ensure that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is prepared. The assessment shall be prepared by a Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) in accordance with State standards/guidelines to evaluate whether the site or the surrounding area is contaminated with hazardous substances from the potential past and current uses including storage, transport, generation, and disposal of toxic and hazardous waste or materials. Depending on the results of this study, further investigation and remediation may be required in

Mitigation Measure CR9 was provided in the Cultural Resources section of the Certified EIR. However, as a result of the changes to the CEQA Guidelines described previously in Section 3 of this Addendum, the issue of paleontological resources is now addressed within the Geology and Soils section. Therefore, for the 5850 Project, Mitigation Measure CR9 is discussed under Geology and Soils, in Exhibit E.

accordance with local, State, and federal regulations and policies. Any further study found necessary by an REA or relevant federal, state or local agency shall be performed prior to project approval and any remediation found necessary by the REA or any relevant federal, state or local agency shall be performed prior to project approval or made a condition on the project if that is found to be adequate for remediation by an REA or the relevant federal, state or local agency.

- 29. **PDF-1** Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, the Project Applicant will prepare a Soil Management Plan (SMP), which will include protocols to identify impacts, perform confirmation sampling, and segregate excavated material, followed by stockpiling, transportation, disposal, and other appropriate measures. The SMP will be accompanied by a worker health and safety plan and appropriate air quality monitoring during such activities.
- 30. **N1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that all contractors include the following best management practices in contract specifications:
  - Construction haul truck and materials delivery traffic shall avoid residential areas whenever feasible. If no alternatives are available, truck traffic shall be routed on streets with the fewest residences.
  - The construction contractor shall locate construction staging areas away from sensitive uses.
  - When construction activities are located in close proximity to noise-sensitive land uses, noise barriers (e.g., temporary walls or piles of excavated material) shall be constructed between activities and noise sensitive uses.
  - Impact pile drivers shall be avoided where possible in noise-sensitive areas. Drilled
    piles or the use of a sonic vibratory pile driver are quieter alternatives that shall be
    utilized where geological conditions permit their use. Noise shrouds shall be used
    when necessary to reduce noise of pile drilling/driving.
  - Construction equipment shall be equipped with mufflers that comply with manufacturers' requirements.
  - The construction contractor shall use on-site electrical sources to power equipment rather than diesel generators where feasible.
  - N3 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" that includes industrial uses located within 1,000 feet of a residential land use shall ensure that a noise study is completed that uses the significance thresholds established in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (including as it may be amended in the future). Identified impacts shall be mitigated per the City's Noise Ordinance or through any measures identified in the noise study.

- 31. **PDF-2** All diesel-fueled equipment will use advanced mufflers that reduce noise levels by more than 10 dBA L<sub>max</sub> at 50 feet of distance to ensure compliance with LAMC Section 112.05.
  - **PS1** Discretionary projects in the CPIO or the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan shall be reviewed at the discretion of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Per department standards, the LAPD will determine if any additional crime prevention and security features would be available that are consistent with the development standards as applied to the design of the project. Any additional design features identified by the LAPD shall be incorporated into the project's final design and to the satisfaction of LAPD, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.
- 32. Inadvertent discovery of tribal cultural resources: If objects or artifacts that may be tribal cultural resources are encountered during the course of any ground disturbance activities, all such activities shall temporarily cease on the project site until the potential tribal cultural resources are properly assessed and addressed pursuant to the process set forth below:

Upon a discovery of a potential tribal cultural resource, the project permittee shall immediately stop all ground disturbance activities and contact the following: (1) all California Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project; and (2) the Department of City Planning at (213) 978-1454.

If the City determines, pursuant to PRC Section 21074(a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be a tribal cultural resource, the City shall provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than 14 days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the project permittee and the City regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources.

The project permittee shall implement the tribe's recommendations if a qualified archaeologist, retained by the City and paid for by the project permittee, reasonably concludes that the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.

The project permittee shall submit a tribal cultural resource monitoring plan to the City that includes all recommendations from the City and any affected tribes that have been reviewed and determined by the qualified archaeologist to be reasonable and feasible. The project permittee shall not be allowed to recommence ground disturbance activities until the City approves this plan.

If the project permittee does not accept a particular recommendation determined to be reasonable and feasible by the qualified archaeologist, the project permittee may request mediation by a mediator agreed to by the permittee and the City who has the requisite professional qualifications and experience to mediate such a dispute. The project permittee shall pay any costs associated with the mediation.

The project permittee may recommence ground disturbance activities outside of a specified radius of the discovery site, so long as this radius has been reviewed by the qualified archaeologist and determined to be reasonable and appropriate.

Copies of any subsequent prehistoric archaeological study or tribal cultural resources study or report detailing the nature of any significant tribal cultural resources, remedial actions taken, and disposition of any significant tribal cultural resources shall be submitted to the SCCIC at California State University, Fullerton.

Notwithstanding the above, any information determined to be confidential in nature by the City Attorney's office shall be excluded from submission to the SCCIC or the public under the applicable provisions of the California Public Records Act, California PRC, and shall comply with the City's AB 52 Confidentiality Protocols.

#### **Administrative Conditions**

- 33. **Final Plans.** Prior to the issuance of any building permits for the project by the Department of Building and Safety, the applicant shall submit all final construction plans that are awaiting issuance of a building permit by the Department of Building and Safety for final review and approval by the Department of City Planning. All plans that are awaiting issuance of a building permit by the Department of Building and Safety shall be stamped by Department of City Planning staff "Plans Approved". A copy of the Plans Approved, supplied by the applicant, shall be retained in the subject case file.
- 34. **Notations on Plans.** Plans submitted to the Department of Building and Safety, for the purpose of processing a building permit application shall include all of the Conditions of Approval herein attached as a cover sheet, and shall include any modifications or notations required herein.
- 35. **Approval, Verification and Submittals.** Copies of any approvals, guarantees or verification of consultations, review of approval, plans, etc., as may be required by the subject conditions, shall be provided to the Department of City Planning prior to clearance of any building permits, for placement in the subject file.
- 36. **Code Compliance.** Use, area, height, and yard regulations of the zone classification of the subject property shall be complied with, except where granted conditions differ herein.
- 37. Department of Building and Safety. The granting of this determination by the Director of Planning does not in any way indicate full compliance with applicable provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code Chapter IX (Building Code). Any corrections and/or modifications to plans made subsequent to this determination by a Department of Building and Safety Plan Check Engineer that affect any part of the exterior design or appearance of the project as approved by the Director, and which are deemed necessary by the Department of Building and Safety for Building Code compliance, shall require a referral of the revised plans back to the Department of City Planning for additional review and sign-off prior to the issuance of any permit in connection with those plans.
- 38. **Enforcement.** Compliance with these conditions and the intent of these conditions shall be to the satisfaction of the Department of City Planning.
- 39. Indemnification and Reimbursement of Litigation Costs.

Applicant shall do all of the following:

- (i) Defend, indemnify and hold harmless the City from any and all actions against the City relating to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of this entitlement, including <u>but not limited to</u>, an action to attack, challenge, set aside, void, or otherwise modify or annul the approval of the entitlement, the environmental review of the entitlement, or the approval of subsequent permit decisions, or to claim personal property damage, including from inverse condemnation or any other constitutional claim.
- (ii) Reimburse the City for any and all costs incurred in defense of an action related to or arising out of, in whole or in part, the City's processing and approval of the entitlement, including but not limited to payment of all court costs and attorney's fees, costs of any judgments or awards against the City (including an award of attorney's fees), damages, and/or settlement costs.
- (iii) Submit an initial deposit for the City's litigation costs to the City within 10 days' notice of the City tendering defense to the Applicant and requesting a deposit. The initial deposit shall be in an amount set by the City Attorney's Office, in its sole discretion, based on the nature and scope of action, but in no event shall the initial deposit be less than \$50,000. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- (iv) Submit supplemental deposits upon notice by the City. Supplemental deposits may be required in an increased amount from the initial deposit if found necessary by the City to protect the City's interests. The City's failure to notice or collect the deposit does not relieve the Applicant from responsibility to reimburse the City pursuant to the requirement in paragraph (ii).
- (v) If the City determines it necessary to protect the City's interest, execute an indemnity and reimbursement agreement with the City under terms consistent with the requirements of this condition.

The City shall notify the applicant within a reasonable period of time of its receipt of any action and the City shall cooperate in the defense. If the City fails to notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding in a reasonable time, or if the City fails to reasonably cooperate in the defense, the applicant shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify or hold harmless the City.

The City shall have the sole right to choose its counsel, including the City Attorney's office or outside counsel. At its sole discretion, the City may participate at its own expense in the defense of any action, but such participation shall not relieve the applicant of any obligation imposed by this condition. In the event the Applicant fails to comply with this condition, in whole or in part, the City may withdraw its defense of the action, void its approval of the entitlement, or take any other action. The City retains the right to make all decisions with respect to its representations in any legal proceeding, including its inherent right to abandon or settle litigation.

For purposes of this condition, the following definitions apply:

"City" shall be defined to include the City, its agents, officers, boards, commissions, committees, employees, and volunteers.

"Action" shall be defined to include suits, proceedings (including those held under alternative dispute resolution procedures), claims, or lawsuits. Actions includes actions, as defined herein, alleging failure to comply with any federal, state or local law.

Nothing in the definitions included in this paragraph are intended to limit the rights of the City or the obligations of the Applicant otherwise created by this condition.

#### **FINDINGS**

# **SITE PLAN REVIEW FINDINGS**

1. The project is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan, applicable community plan, and any applicable specific plan.

The Project is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the General Plan as set forth in all applicable elements and local plans: the General Plan Framework Element and the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan as described below.

#### **General Plan Framework Element**

The Framework Element, adopted in December 1996 and readopted in August 2001, sets forth a Citywide comprehensive long-range growth strategy and defines City-wide policies that are implemented at the community level through community plans and specific plans. The Project is consistent with the Framework Element's goals, objectives and policies, including those listed below:

#### Industrial Lands

**Goal 3J**: Industrial growth that provides job opportunities for the City's residents and maintains the City's fiscal viability

**Objective 3.14**: Provide land and supporting services for the retention of existing and attraction of new industries.

**Policy 3.14**: Provide flexible zoning to facilitate the clustering of industries and supporting uses, thereby establishing viable "themed" sectors (e.g. move /television/media production, set design, reproduction, etc.)

#### Economic Development

**Policy 7.2.8:** Retain the current manufacturing and industrial land use designations consistent with other Framework element policies, to provide adequate quantities of land for emerging industrial sectors.

**Policy 7.2.11**: Ensure that the City has sufficient quantities of land suitable to accommodate existing, new and relocating industrial firms, whose operations are appropriate to a special location in Los Angeles.

**Policy 7.10.2**: Support efforts to provide all residents with reasonable access to transit infrastructure, employment, and educational and job training opportunities.

The Project will facilitate the above goals, objectives and policies improving the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. The subject lots are currently occupied by surface parking and an approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building that does not maximize the employment generating potential. Most of the Project Site is covered by surface parking. Increasing the maximum building height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope with open concept floor plans made for creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing maximum height also allows for a smaller building footprint and good building design, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses.

This supports the General Plan Framework goals, policies and objectives for business retention, business attraction and increasing the City's fiscal well-being while supporting the Framework's goal of providing residents educational and employment opportunities.

# Land Use Element - West Adams-Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan

The West Adams Community Plan anticipates that existing commercial, industrial, and transitoriented opportunity areas will accommodate future growth in a manner that improves economic vitality as well as physical conditions in the West Adams CPA. The creation of diverse employment opportunities in all sectors is encouraged in the West Adams CPA so that jobs will be distributed more equitably and made more accessible to nearby families, thereby strengthening local economic self-sufficiency and overall community sustainability.

The proposed project will promote the objectives, policies, and goals of the West Adams Community Plan by preserving land for industrial use and supporting increased employment and training opportunities in close proximity to transit in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. As businesses expand or new developments occur at the subject site, there will be increased economic development opportunities for local residents resulting in more sustainable and healthy neighborhoods.

The proposed ordinances are consistent with the following goals, objectives, and policies of the West Adams Community Plan, including:

#### Transit-Oriented Community Centers

**Goal LU40**: A community where the economic vitality of commercial nodes, centers and transit-oriented development areas is increased by encouraging contextual new development that maximizes access to transit, jobs, goods and services, and conserves desirable community character

**Goal LU42:** A community where neighborhood serving uses which strengthen and diversify the economic base are attracted by expanding market opportunities for both traditional existing businesses and emerging new businesses.

**Goal LU46**: A community that maintains and increases the commercial employment base for community residents whenever possible.

#### Sustainability

**Policy LU28-3:** Mix of Uses. Ensure a mix of residential, commercial, office and light industrial, where appropriate, to encourage economic sustainability and encourage walkability.

**Policy LU29-2:** Green Roofs. Encourage all new building construction to incorporate green roofs and encourage conversions of existing roof space to green roofs in order to maximize opportunities for gardening and reduce heat gain.

#### Industrial Areas

**Goal LU65:** A community where existing and future industrial uses which contribute job opportunities for residents are provided and which minimize environmental and visual impacts to the community.

**Policies LU65-1**: Maintain Existing Industrial Land Where Appropriate. Maintain existing industrial land uses where appropriate as well as designate lands for new emerging industry including industrial parks, research and development facilities, light manufacturing, and other similar uses which provide employment opportunities.

**LU65-3:** High Quality Projects. Require that projects be designed and developed to achieve a high level of quality, distinctive character and compatibility with existing uses.

**Goal LU66**: A community plan which retains industrial designations that are appropriate in order to maintain and increase the industrial employment for community residents.

**Policy LU66-1**: Link Jobs to Residents. To reconnect neighborhoods by linking residents to nearby jobs, training and needed services.

**Policy LU67-1:** Enhanced Streetscapes and Urban Design. Improve the quality of life and the built environment by promoting safety through enhanced streetscape and urban

design that promotes pedestrian activity and bicycling instead of automobile dependence through better pedestrian orientation of structures and conservation of desirable prevailing neighborhood character.

The proposed Project promotes the goals and policies of the Community Plan of supporting transit-oriented districts outside the City Center that attract "Hybrid Industrial" uses and encourage emerging commercial, office, and "clean-tech" uses. The Community Plan identifies the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea as a multimodal village that includes a mixture of uses and balances the need for jobs, housing, open space, goods, and services while being sensitive to its surrounding neighborhood character.

The Project, with the inclusion of 344,947 square feet of office space, increases the potential of emerging industry space in the Community Plan area resulting in an increase in potential commercial and industrial use on lots targeting growth adjacent to a medium to high intensity transit hub. The Project would support increased opportunities for job generation in the creation of a multimodal village within the subarea by furthering employment growth in the area. The expansion of existing businesses and redevelopment at the subject lots will increase the potential for job generating uses.

The project will allow for growth in the Subarea while preserving the character of the surrounding neighborhood implementation of use limitations and development standards as defined in the CPIO. The project will support the mix of uses essential to creating a healthy, viable, and sustainable community in the Community Plan area. The Project further supports the preservation of industrial land for job generating and training opportunities within the Community Plan area. The Project Site is located in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the CPIO, which consists of a mix of commercial and industrial uses. The Subarea is intended to preserve industrial land uses, support the creation of high wage jobs and training opportunities in the local area and encourage a mix of uses to support a balance of jobs, housing and neighborhood serving amenities. The Project, with 344,947 amount of creative and flexible office space, is consistent with the General Plan, Community Plan and Subarea goals because they allow employment growth to occur for existing businesses that may wish to expand or redevelop at the Project Site. By targeting employment growth within a guarter mile of the La Cienega Expo Line Transit Station, the Project advances the City's goals for the area. The close proximity to the Expo Line increases accessibility to an employment center resulting in vehicle miles traveled in nearby neighborhoods. Supporting the Project Site as a job center will provide more employment opportunities in the local area as well as provide more options for commuting through public transit.

Furthermore, the design of the proposed Project incorporates a green roof located at grade over the subterranean parking with extensive landscaping in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape, thereby encouraging walking and passive recreation. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park-like setting that surrounds the Project and roofs.

The Project also enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design favors the pedestrian through four levels of subterranean parking. This design allows for a parklike setting for users of the site, as well as the community in general. The pedestrian and streetscape environment are further enhanced by the tower design that allows for approximately 24 percent of the site to be landscaped and green. As a result, the Project design promotes pedestrian and transit connectivity and alternative modes of travel consistent with this Transit Priority Area.

2. The project consists of an arrangement of buildings and structures (including height, bulk and setbacks), off-street parking facilities, loading areas, lighting, landscaping, trash

collection, and other such pertinent improvements that is or will be compatible with existing and future development on adjacent properties and neighboring properties.

The Project provides for an arrangement of buildings and structures, and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood.

The Project Site has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties. Neighboring buildings in the Project vicinity range in height from one to 3 stories up to 17 and 30 stories (and 230 to 320 feet in height), which is consistent with the proposed 320-foot 22-story Project.

Off-Street Parking Facilities. Access will be provided on Jefferson Boulevard along one existing driveway located north on the Project Site and one new driveway to be developed along the southern portion of the Project Site with internal circulation designed in compliance with applicable code standards. The vast majority of the 908 parking spaces will be provided in four subterranean levels of parking allowing for the generous landscaping and open spaces proposed when combined with the tower footprint that occupies a small portion of the Project site.

Height. The proposed 22-story building is appropriately sized in height and mass. The increase in height will allow the Project Site to be designed in compatibility with existing development on adjacent properties and neighboring properties that are 17 to 30 stories.

Massing. The Project's architectural design is the aggregate of multiple parts offering varying forms and dimensions for a variety of office related purposes that is compatible with the light industrial area. The design of the building is comprised of four components. The first built component is the 4 levels of subterranean parking, and the second is composed of four on-grade, green-roofed open spaces — one at each corner of four corners of the Project Site. The third component, the Base, contains three floors with a trussed perimeter, designed to accommodate large horizontal expanses of flexible office, meeting, exhibition and production uses, located centrally within the Base. The fourth component, the Tower, emerges vertically from the Base, beginning at a height of 49 feet, circular in plan at the 49-foot height, evolving in shape to a simple plan rectangle in plan at a roof deck top. Each floor perimeter differs slightly from the adjacent floors above and below as the Tower gradually transitions from round to rectangular. Therefore, the projects varied massing is compatible with the surrounding area.

Loading & Service Areas. Access to the loading and service area of the building is provided along the existing private driveway on the northern perimeter of the Project Site. In order to screen these areas from public view, it has been integrated into one of the landscape mounds to the rear of the Project site. Vehicles maneuvering into the service area can be accommodated on-site without impact to public streets.

Landscaping. The design of the Project includes extensive landscaping and open space totaling 100,054 square feet, of which 47,854 square feet will be landscaped. Along a pedestrian route from the Expo line station through a sequence of new and retrofitted office structures is a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and walking paths culminate on the Project Site in the park-like venue that surrounds and organizes access to the proposed building.

Setbacks. The building base is setback approximately 166 feet from the east property line, 97 feet from the south, up to 12 feet five inches to the west and 160 feet from the north. Other properties in the vicinity do not follow a distinct setback but provide generous setbacks. Within that landscape are building accourrements – stacks, flues, vents, grills, louvers, windows – that provide clues as to parking, office and utility uses hidden below the horticulture. Park amenities including seating, meeting areas, barbeque space, and more generally a rolling, sometimes terraced, green

landscape interspersed with hardscape venues, surround pedestrians on the way to the ground floor primary entrances.

Therefore, the Project not only provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood, but will also enhance the surrounding neighborhood.

3. Any residential project provides recreational and service amenities to improve habitability for its residents and minimize impacts on neighboring properties.

No residential uses are proposed as part of the Project, therefore this finding does not apply.

# ZONING ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINATION FINDINGS (Transitional Height) (§§ 12.24.X.22 and 12.24.E)

4. That the project will enhance the built environment in the surrounding neighborhood or will perform a function or provide a service that is essential or beneficial to the community, city, or region.

Pursuant to the LAMC Section 12.21.1.A.10, sites that are located in a C zone must not exceed 61 feet in height when located between 100 to 199 feet in distance from a lot classified in the RW1 Zone or more restrictive. The Transitional Height limitations are exceeded, in this instance, by the Ballona Creek flood protection channel located in the OS Zone to the west of the Project Site across from Jefferson Boulevard.

Transitional height restrictions are primarily aimed at protecting sensitive land uses, including those located in residential and open space zones from incompatible adjacent buildings. In this case, the nearest residential zones are located over 700 feet to the south from the proposed building on the Project Site.

The Project application includes a request to exceed the transitional height requirements in Section 12.21.1.A.10 by approximately 259 feet pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.X.22. The proposed 22-story building would be set back over 72 feet from the flood protection channel, and only a small footprint of the building exceeds the transitional height limits at the outer edge of the 199-foot limit (see Exhibit D). Importantly, the square footage of the Project is consistent with all zoning and CPIO requirements. The increased height proposed by the Project building design combined with the parking proposed below-ground allows for increased landscaping and gathering spaces that are inviting to the community and enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment. The park-like setting is inviting to transit users and alternative modes of travel that will decrease reliance on vehicles.

The Project Site has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties and to enhance the built environment. The design of the Project includes extensive landscaping in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park venue that surrounds the Project and roofs, in some instances, the on-grade office structures.

Within that landscape are building accoutrements – stacks, flues, vents, grills, louvers, windows – that provide clues as to parking, office and utility uses hidden below the horticulture. Park amenities including seating, meeting areas, barbeque space, and more generally a rolling, sometimes terraced, green landscape interspersed with hardscape venues, surround pedestrians

on the way to the first office floor and entry lobby. That central lobby is accessed and entered from the park three directions, north, south, and west.

Although the flood protection channel is located in the OS zone, it is not a use sensitive to the proposed 22-story building. As described above, the landscaping surrounding the Project has been designed to be compatible with the flood control channel.

Therefore, as described, the Project will enhance the built environment in the surrounding neighborhood and will perform a function or provide a service that is beneficial to the community, city, and region.

# 5. That the project's location, size, height, operations and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety.

The Project's location, size, height, operations, and other significant features will be compatible with and will not adversely affect or further degrade adjacent properties, the surrounding neighborhood, or the public health, welfare, and safety. The Project Site has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties including recent developments of buildings ranging in height from 17 and 30 stories in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD area. The design of the Project includes extensive landscaping in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park venue that surrounds the Project and roofs, in some instances, the on-grade office structures.

The design of the Project includes extensive landscaping and open space. Along a pedestrian route from the Expo line through a sequence of new and retrofitted office structures is a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and walking paths culminate on the Project Site in the park-like venue that surrounds and organizes access to the proposed building. The building base is set back approximately 166 feet from the east property line, 97 feet from the south, up to 12 feet five inches to the west and 160 feet from the north.

The Project Site is located in an industrial area that is designated for transit-oriented development. The Project increases the potential of emerging industry space in the Community Plan area resulting in an increase in potential commercial and industrial use on lots targeting growth adjacent to a medium to high intensity transit hub. Notably, the Project Site is located within walking distance of the La Cienega/Jefferson Expo Station. The proximity to the Expo Line increases accessibility to an employment center resulting in the reduction of traffic in nearby neighborhoods. The Project Site will provide more employment opportunities in the local area as well as provide more options for travel to work by convenient and reliable public transit.

The Project is located along Jefferson Boulevard and placed in a park-like setting that includes approximately 47,854 of landscaping. The site rises upward toward the project in a series of four perimeter mounds that slope from grade level to the second floor of the Project. The mounds serve as a visual transition upward as the building appears to rise out of the land. These mounded areas define the primary entry points to the building located in wide open plazas with landscape, hardscape, and pedestrian seating. The mounds provide a buffer between the two largest plazas and the automobile areas of the parking lot and Jefferson Boulevard. These mounds provide a green roof for interior office space where height allows. The northeast mound accommodates the loading areas of the Project, and the southeast mound integrates the access ramp for the subterranean parking structure. The mounds are planted with a combination of native plants and grasses that require low water and provide a diverse range of colors and textures.

Pedestrian pathways that lead to building entrances feature decorative paving with integrated benches and pathway lighting. As described above, the Project provides a transit-oriented development designed for flexible, creative office space and provides a heavily landscaped and pedestrian-friendly orientation to further encourage transit use in the area. The Project will not degrade adjacent properties and in fact will revitalize a surface parking lot with a unique design. As noted further below, multiple designs by Eric Owen Moss Architects, the architect behind the design of this Project, are included in the Community Plan as examples of desirable design in industrial areas of the Community Plan.

# 6. That the project substantially conforms with the purpose, intent and provisions of the General Plan, the applicable community plan, and any applicable specific plan.

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#### Economic Development

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Increasing the maximum building height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope for flexible office space for the creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing maximum height also allows for a smaller building footprint and good building design, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses. This supports the General Plan Framework goals, policies and objectives for

business retention, business attraction and increasing the City's fiscal well-being while supporting the Framework's goal of providing residents educational and employment opportunities.

# Land Use Element - West Adams - Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

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# **Transit-Oriented Community Centers**

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**Goal LU46**: A community that maintains and increases the commercial employment base for community residents whenever possible.

#### Sustainability

**Policy LU28-3:** Mix of Uses. Ensure a mix of residential, commercial, office and light industrial, where appropriate, to encourage economic sustainability and encourage walkability.

**Policy LU29-2:** Green Roofs. Encourage all new building construction to incorporate green roofs and encourage conversions of existing roof space to green roofs in order to maximize opportunities for gardening and reduce heat gain.

#### Industrial Areas

**Goal LU65:** A community where existing and future industrial uses which contribute job opportunities for residents are provided and which minimize environmental and visual impacts to the community.

**Policies LU65-1**: Maintain Existing Industrial Land Where Appropriate. Maintain existing industrial land uses where appropriate as well as designate lands for new emerging industry including industrial parks, research and development facilities, light manufacturing, and other similar uses which provide employment opportunities.

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#### **West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO)**

The proposed Project complies with the purposes of the West Adams CPIO which is an implementation tool of the West Adams Community Plan. The Project is consistent with the purposes of the CPIO, including:

- C. To foster revitalization of properties along the commercial corridors and at major intersection nodes throughout the Community Plan Area.
- F. To promote the overall health and sustainability of the community that reside, work, and recreate in the Community Plan Area.

- G. To encourage a vibrant mix of uses that increases access to a greater variety of goods and services within close proximity to surrounding established residential neighborhoods, commercial corridors, and industrial employment areas.
- I. To encourage the creation of pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal transit villages where jobs, housing, goods, and services, as well as access to open space, are all located within walking distance of the station area.
- N. To encourage new infill development that promotes and enhances existing neighborhood character and is not dominated by excessive automobile orientation.
- R. To preserve viable industrial land for the emergence of innovative new "clean-tech," "information technology," and other "high-tech" uses.

The Project provides a unique and attractive design to attract creative office users, bringing jobs to this underutilized site and creating a desired Transit-Oriented Development near the La Cienega/Jefferson Expo Station. The Project Site will provide employment opportunities within walking distance of the La Cienega/Jefferson Expo Station, promoting public transit use. The Project provides a pedestrian-friendly design where jobs as well as access to open space are located within walking distance of the Expo station.

The project, like goal N, is an infill development that is not dominated by excessive automobile orientation by providing parking for the Project primarily underground in four subterranean levels, allowing for extensive landscaping and open space to be provided around the building at grade on top of the subterranean parking. In support of Goal I, the project provides approximately 47,854 square feet of landscaping at ground level, which is over 24 percent coverage of the Project Site.

The Project is consistent with the permitted FAR for the site. The increased height allows for more of the Project Site to be enhanced with landscaping and open spaces that promote community gathering spaces. The Project will preserve viable industrial land for "clean-tech" and "high-tech" uses, support transit-oriented businesses, and support the creation of high wage jobs and training for the Community Plan area. The proposed amendment will not change the General Plan land use designation of Hybrid Industrial for the Project Site. Ensuring that industrial land in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea is preserved and maximized, is an important factor in retaining a strong industrial and commercial employment sector in the Community Plan area. The approval of the Project and CPIO amendment will support the development goals of the West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay for the local area.

# 7. That the project provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and surrounding neighborhood.

The Project provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. The Project Site has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties. Neighboring buildings in the Project vicinity range in height from one to 3 stories up to 17 and 30 stories (and 230 to 320 feet in height), which is consistent with the proposed 320-foot 22-story Project. Access will be provided on Jefferson Boulevard along one existing driveway located north on the Project Site and one new driveway to be developed south of the Project Site with internal circulation designed in compliance with applicable code standards. The proposed building is appropriately sized in height and mass. The increase in height will allow the Project Site to be designed in compatibility with existing development on adjacent properties and neighboring properties that are 17 to 30 stories.

The Project's architectural design is the aggregate of multiple parts offering varying forms and

dimensions for a variety of office related purposes that is compatible with the light industrial area. The design of the building is comprised of four components. The first built component is the 4 levels of subterranean parking, and the second is composed of four on-grade, green-roofed open spaces – one at each corner of four corners of the Project Site. The third component, the Base, contains three floors, designed to accommodate large horizontal expanses of flexible office, meeting, exhibition and production uses, located centrally within the Base. The fourth component, the Tower, emerges vertically from the Base, beginning at a height of 49 feet. Each floor perimeter differs slightly from the adjacent floors above and below as the Tower gradually transitions from round to rectangular. Stairs, elevators, bathrooms, and mechanical equipment are contained in the two vertical cores, which begin in the garage, pass through the Base and emerge from the curtain wall as external elements as the tower ascends.

Furthermore, the design of the Project includes extensive landscaping and open space in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park venue that surrounds the Project and roofs, in some instances, the on-grade office structures. Park amenities including seating, meeting areas, barbeque space, and more generally a rolling, sometimes terraced, green landscape interspersed with hardscape venues, surround pedestrians on the way to the first office floor and entry lobby. That central lobby is accessed and entered from the park from four directions, north, south, east and west.

Therefore, this Project not only provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood, but will also enhance the surrounding neighborhood.

#### **CPIO Amendment Findings**

#### **Charter Findings**

8. Charter Section 556 - In accordance with Charter Sections 556, the proposed ordinance amending the West Adams CPIO (Ordinance No. 184,794, adopted on March 07, 2017) is in substantial conformance with the purposes, intent and provisions of the City's General Plan and all applicable provisions of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC).

The ordinance is consistent with and further accomplish goals objectives and policies in portions of the General Plan including the General Plan Framework.

#### **General Plan Findings**

The amendment to the West Adams CPIO will have no adverse effect upon the City's General Plan. The ordinance further accomplishes the goals, objectives and policies contained in the General Plan including the General Plan Framework and Land Use Element.

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The proposed ordinance is consistent with the following goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan Framework as they relate to Industrial Land and Economic Development:

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**Goal 3J**: Industrial growth that provides job opportunities for the City's residents and maintains the City's fiscal viability

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# Land Use Element - West Adams-Baldwin Hills - Leimert Community Plan

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9. Charter Section 558 - Los Angeles City Charter Section 558 requires that prior to adopting a land use ordinance, the City Council shall make findings that the ordinance conforms with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

The proposed ordinance conforms with public necessity and good zoning practice because it supports the preservation of industrial land with the goal of creating employment and training opportunities consistent with the goals and objectives of the West Adams CPIO, West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan, Los Angeles Municipal Code and the General Plan Framework Element.

The project site is located in the CM-2D-CPIO Zone in the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan Area of the City of Los Angeles and is bounded by commercial uses in the [T][Q]M1-2DCPIO and [Q]M1-2D-CPIO zones to the north, Jefferson Boulevard to the west, commercial uses to the east in the MR1-1VL-CPIO and C4-2D-CPIO zones to the east and commercial uses in the MR1-1VL-CPIO zone to the south ("Project Site"). The Project Site is located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard. The Project Site is approximately 197,412 square feet in area and is accessible via Jefferson Boulevard, which is a designated Modified Avenue II street in the Mobility Plan 2035.

The Project is proposing to redevelop a portion of the approximately 4.53-acre Project Site by replacing the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square-foot office building approximately 320 feet and 22 stories in height with parking provided in four subterranean levels ("Project"). The existing approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building will remain. The Project includes parking with 908 automobile spaces and 104 bicycle spaces. Upon completion, the Project Site would include approximately 394,824 square feet of floor area.

The proposed ordinance substantially advances a legitimate public interest, convenience and general welfare because it supports the overall fiscal health of the West Adams CPA and City by reasonably increasing the allowable height at the subject site in order to increase the industrial development potential for expansion of existing businesses or attraction of new business sectors to support additional employment opportunities. These larger industrially planned parcels possess considerable potential as viable sites for light industrial development or redevelopment due to their quarter mile proximity to the La Cienega Expo Line Transit Hub. The increase of job generating uses at this site supports the City's desire to maintain a strong ratio of good paying local jobs and housing, reduce commute times for residents in the area and retain and attract businesses in growing sectors such as high-tech and cleantech industries. In addition, the creation of jobs close to a transit station will reduce vehicle miles traveled alleviating traffic congestion as a result which benefits the local residents and the general public at large.

The proposed ordinance conforms to public necessity, convenience, and general welfare and good zoning practice. The proposed changes will increase the maximum height of the subject lots from 75 feet to 320 feet and varying individual floor heights that exceed 14 feet, expanding hybrid industrial uses in the Community Plan Area. Granting the requested amendment will be consistent with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice because they will expand employment opportunities and further the economic development and industrial land use goals of the General Plan and the Community Plan.

The amendment will be consistent with public necessity, convenience, and general welfare because it further supports the preservation of industrial land for job generating and training opportunities within the Community Plan area. The subject site is located in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the CPIO which consists of a mix of commercial and industrial uses. The Subarea is intended to preserve industrial land uses, support the creation of high wage jobs and training opportunities in the local area and encourage a mix of uses to support a balance of jobs, housing and neighborhood serving amenities.

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Public convenience and general welfare are also met by the proposed amendment because it reduces reliance on vehicles by targeting employment growth within a quarter mile of the La Cienega Expo Line Transit Station. The proximity to the Expo Line increases accessibility to an employment center resulting in the reduction of vehicle miles traveled in nearby neighborhoods. Supporting the subject site as a job center will provide more employment opportunities in the local area as well as provide more options for travel to work by convenient and reliable public transit.

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#### LAMC 13.14 C.4

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### WAIVER OF DEDICATION AND IMPROVEMENT FINDINGS

The subject request is for a Waiver of Improvements for the subject property located along West Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles located within the West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan Area. Previously on the project site, an irrevocable offer to dedicate 10 feet of the Project Site was recorded on September 27, 2018 (Document No. 20180989018), and a resolution accepting the dedication was recorded on November 8, 2018 (Document No. 20181134698) in conjunction with redevelopment of the Project Site with an approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building. Subsequent to this dedication, an application to redevelop a portion of the approximately 4.53-acre Project Site has been proposed to replace the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square-foot office building approximately 320 feet and 22 stories in height with parking provided in four subterranean levels. Pursuant to Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) Section 12.37.I.3, this Waiver of Improvements request is to utilize the 10-foot dedicated area for pedestrian and streetscape enhancements and additional landscaping as part of the Project.

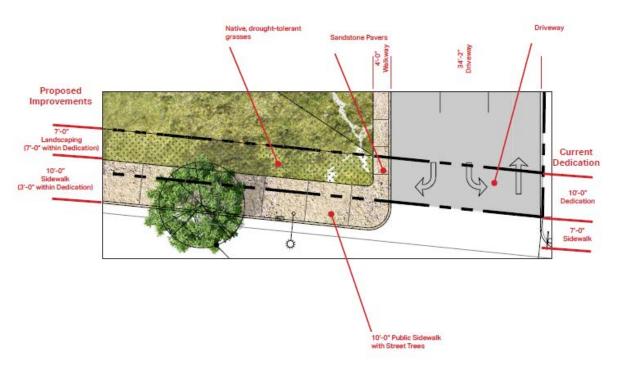
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The Project Site is located mid-block on the eastern side of Jefferson Boulevard between Obama Boulevard (formerly Rodeo Road) and National Boulevard. The Project frontage along Jefferson Boulevard is approximately 515 feet. Modifying the Bureau of Engineering's (BOE) improvement requirements would enable the Project to provide mobility improvements that are in line with existing conditions in the area. Consequently, the subject improvement is not necessary or practical, and does not bear a reasonable relationship to any Project impact.

The modified improvement requirement would also continue to advance the policies of the City's Mobility Plan 2035 policies in recognizing walking as a component of every trip to ensure high-quality pedestrian access and activity. The Mobility Plan 2035 incorporates "complete streets" principles, to "lay the foundation for a network of complete streets and establish new complete street standards that will provide safe and efficient transportation for pedestrians (especially for vulnerable users such as children, seniors and the disabled), bicyclists, transit riders, and car and truck drivers" (Mobility Plan 2035, p. 14). The Project incorporates 10 new street trees that will be planted along the Project's street frontage, and a new direct pedestrian path of travel has been designated from the sidewalk to the main entrance to the Project and nearby Metro rail station to the north. Existing bicycle lanes along Jefferson Boulevard would be maintained, and vehicles would primarily access the Project Site through the proposed southern driveway, which will be signalized and provide protected pedestrian and bicycle crossings.

In considering the Project Site, previously BOE had required a 10-foot dedication along the Project's frontage along Jefferson Boulevard to complete a 45-foot wide half right-ofway, with the construction of a 15-foot wide concrete sidewalk. The Jefferson Boulevard right-of-way is currently 70 feet wide with a 60-foot roadway width and a 10-foot sidewalk along the Project Site. Jefferson Boulevard provides four travel lanes, two in each direction along the Project Site and a two-way left-turn median. Lanes are typically 10 feet wide, and the total paved width is typically 60 feet. North/south bicycle lanes are provided on both sides of the street, and on-street parking is not available on the street. However, the west side of Jefferson Boulevard across from the Project Site lacks a pedestrian sidewalk due to the proximity of the flood control channel. On January 9, 2020, BOE required no further dedication along Jefferson Boulevard beyond the already dedicated 10 foot dedication, and to construct additional public sidewalk in the public rightof-way. The Project has incorporated the mobility needs of the corridor by proposing a modified sidewalk improvement. The Project proposes to provide an enhanced pedestrian experience along the Project Site with additional landscaping adjacent to the sidewalk. Three feet of the 10 foot dedication will be used to extend the public sidewalk and maintain the existing 10-foot sidewalk in its current width and location on the Project Site. The sidewalk will provide wells for street trees to provide a visual and sound buffer between West Jefferson Boulevard traffic and the Project Site. The remaining seven feet of dedication will be used to extend the pedestrian-friendly environment and park-like landscape area that surrounds the Project building - the landscaping in this remaining seven-foot dedication area will likely include native, drought-tolerant grasses that will be accessible for pedestrians, and sandstone paving will be utilized for walkways and entrances that cross the dedication area. Given the lack of sidewalk across the street and the low probability of development due to the flood control channel's location, the Project's high-quality pedestrian improvements and additional open space are critical to providing a safe and activated pedestrian path to and from the Project Site and the nearby Metro station.



The Project's design incorporates pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly designs, such as longand short-term bicycle parking, ample sidewalks, and park-like open space with increased connectivity to Metro's nearby fixed rail system. Along a pedestrian route from the Metro rail-line through a sequence of new and retrofitted office structures is an attractive set of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and walking paths culminate on the Project Site in the park-like venue that surrounds and organizes access to the proposed building. In addition, the Project enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design that shuns an above-grade parking podium in favor of four levels of subterranean parking. This urban design decision allows for a park-like setting (approximately 66,100 sf) and lush green inviting spaces for pedestrians, visitors and users of the Project Site, as well as the community in general. The pedestrian and streetscape environment is further enhanced by the tower design that allows for approximately 24 percent of the Project Site to be landscaped and green and allows for greater compatibility with the flood control channel across Jefferson Boulevard. The Project's building base is set back approximately 166 feet from the east property line, 97 feet from the south, up to 12 feet five inches to the west and 160 feet from the north.

As mentioned above, the Project incorporates a new signalized intersection at Jefferson Boulevard and its southern driveway that will provide protected pedestrian and bicycle crossings to the Project Site from a midblock location, as well as pedestrian phasing, crosswalk striping, and Americans with Disabilities Act wheelchair ramps. No other protected crossings are available between National Boulevard and Obama Boulevard, a distance of approximately 1,800 feet.

Furthermore, as analyzed in the Project Transportation Assessment report as approved by the Los Angeles Department of Transportation and the Environmental Impact Report Addendum (Exhibit E), Project impacts on transportation are less than significant, and no widening is recommended. Consequently, the subject improvement is not necessary or practical, and does not bear a reasonable relationship to any Project impact.

# **CEQA FINDINGS**

**FOUND** based on the independent judgement of the Commission; after consideration of the whole of the administrative record, the project was assessed in EIR No. ENV-2008-478-EIR certified on June 29, 2016, and pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15162 and 15164, and the Addendum dated August 2020, no major revisions are required to the EIR and no subsequent EIR or negative declaration is required of the project. See Exhibit E.

## **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was held on September 15, 2020 at approximately 1:30 pm telephonically via Zoom In conformance with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020). The hearing was conducted by the Hearing Officer, Sergio Ibarra, on behalf of the City Planning Commission in taking testimony for Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-SPR-WDI. All interested parties were invited to attend the public hearing at which they could listen, ask questions, or present testimony regarding the project. The purpose of the hearing was to obtain testimony from affected and/or interested parties regarding this application. Interested parties are also invited to submit written comments regarding the request prior to hearing. The environmental determination was among the matters considered at the hearing.

The public hearing was attended by the applicant's representative (Francis Park) and the architect, Eric Owen Moss, and approximately thirty six (36) members from the community. Twenty members of the community spoke at the hearing.

### Support for the Project

Those supporting the project cited the project's alluring design, generous open space, and significant of an investment of this caliber to the social and economic growth of the community as reasons for their enthusiastic support.

## Opposition for the Project

There were ten comments in opposition of the project including from representatives of Global 78 Union, IBEW, the Electrical Workers Local Union 11, the LA Sheet Metal Workers, Ironworkers Union, and Creed LA. Opponents expressed primarily that the project should provide living wages, however some also expressed concerns for the scale of the project and the available infrastructure to support the project.

### **Applicant Presentation:**

The applicant's representative described the site location, project description, requested entitlements, and community outreach.

# WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

40 Letters of support were received from the public at the time of preparing this report including from representatives of the Johnson & Fain Architectural Firm, AlA LA, Morphosis Architecture Firm, the Debbie Allen Dance Studio, Southern California Institute of Architects, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Gehry Partners, Gilmore Associates, Vespertine, Bolshoi Ballet, Matt Construction, UCLA School of Arts and Architecture, Spectrum Cable and other local businesses in the area.



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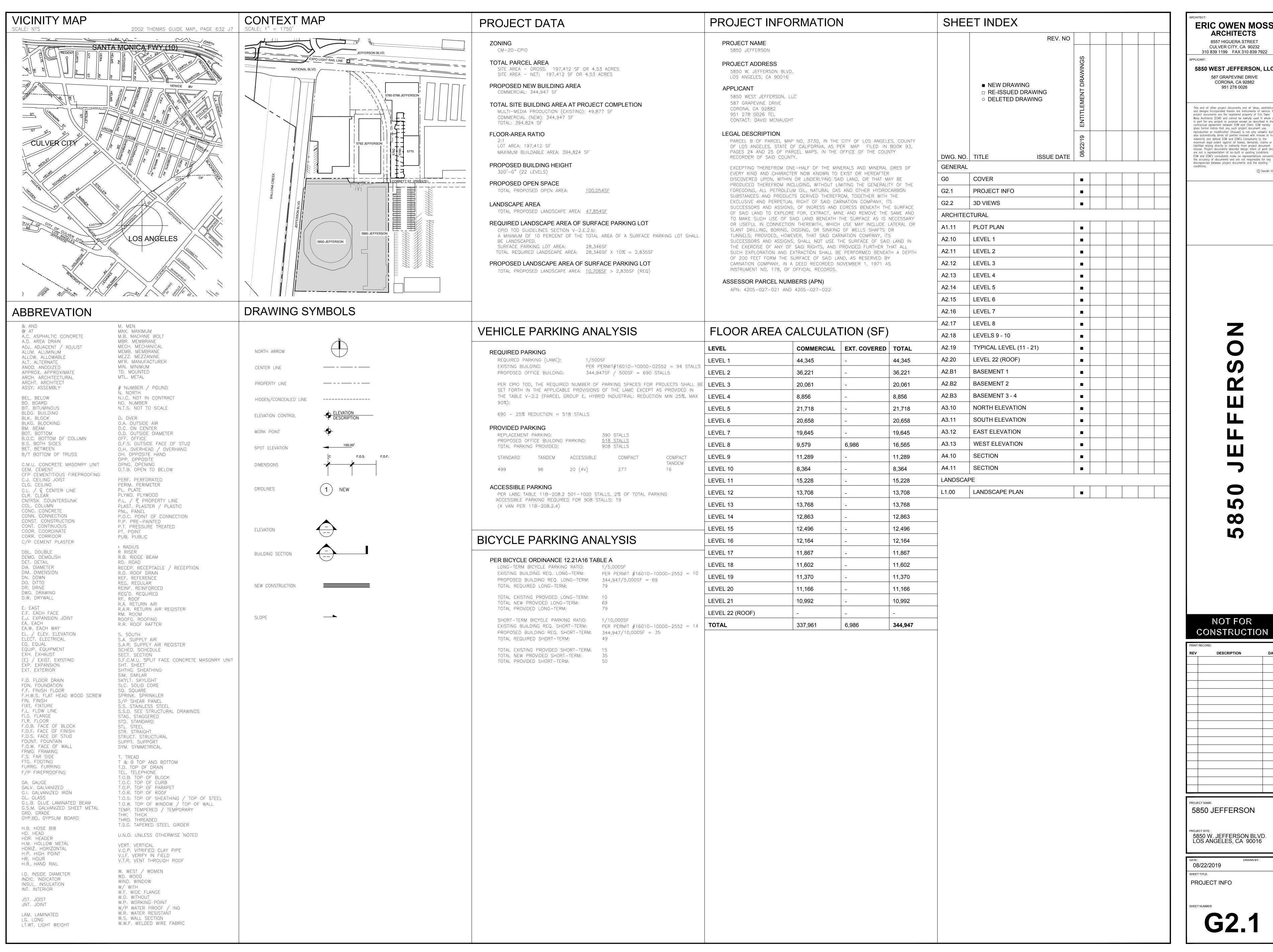
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VIEW OF NORTHWEST ENTRY

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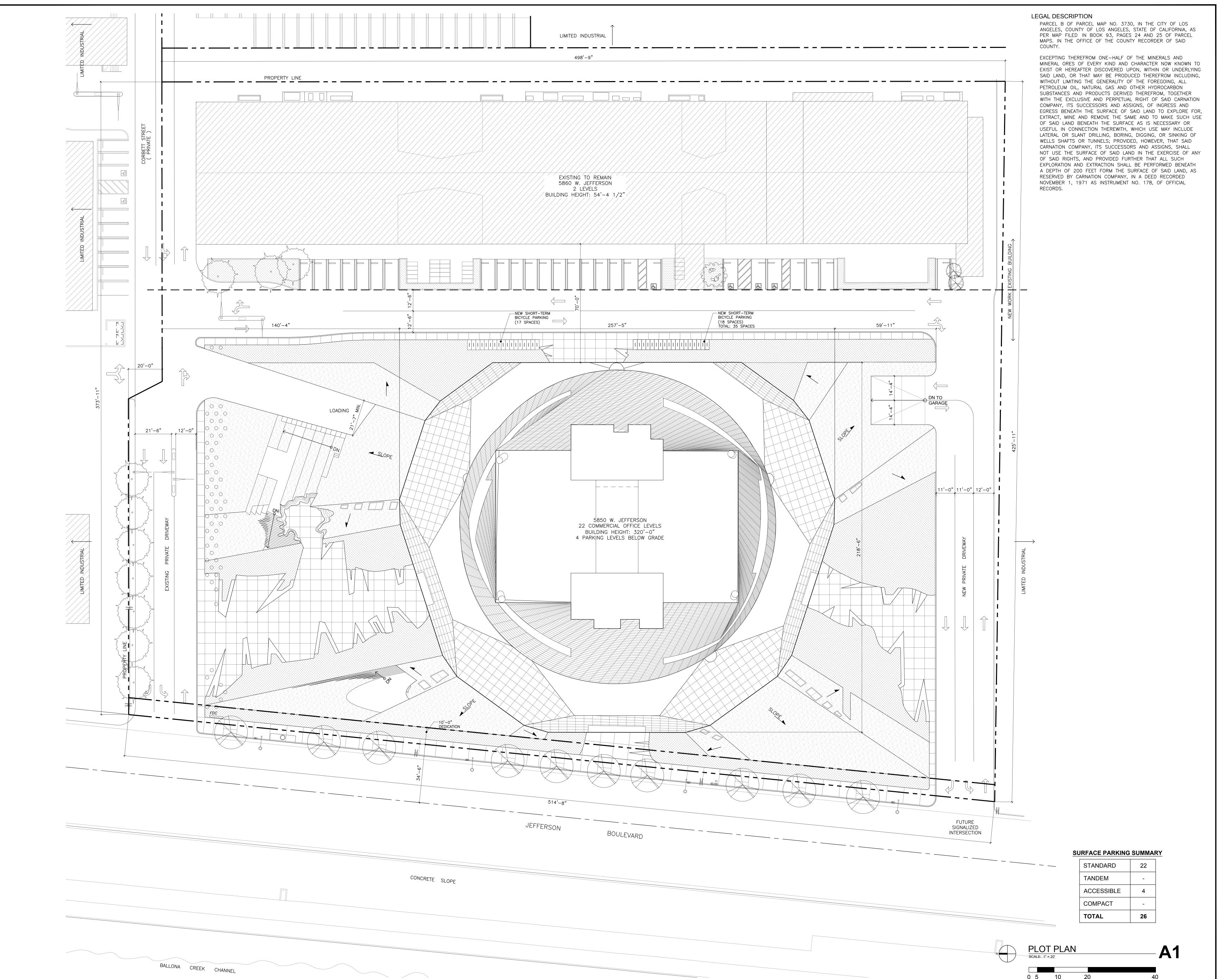
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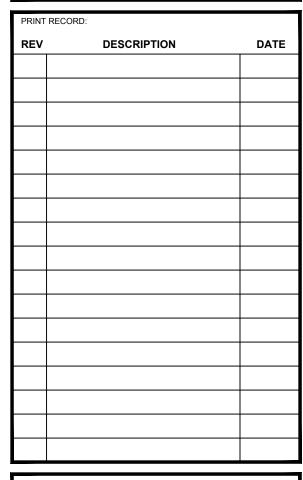
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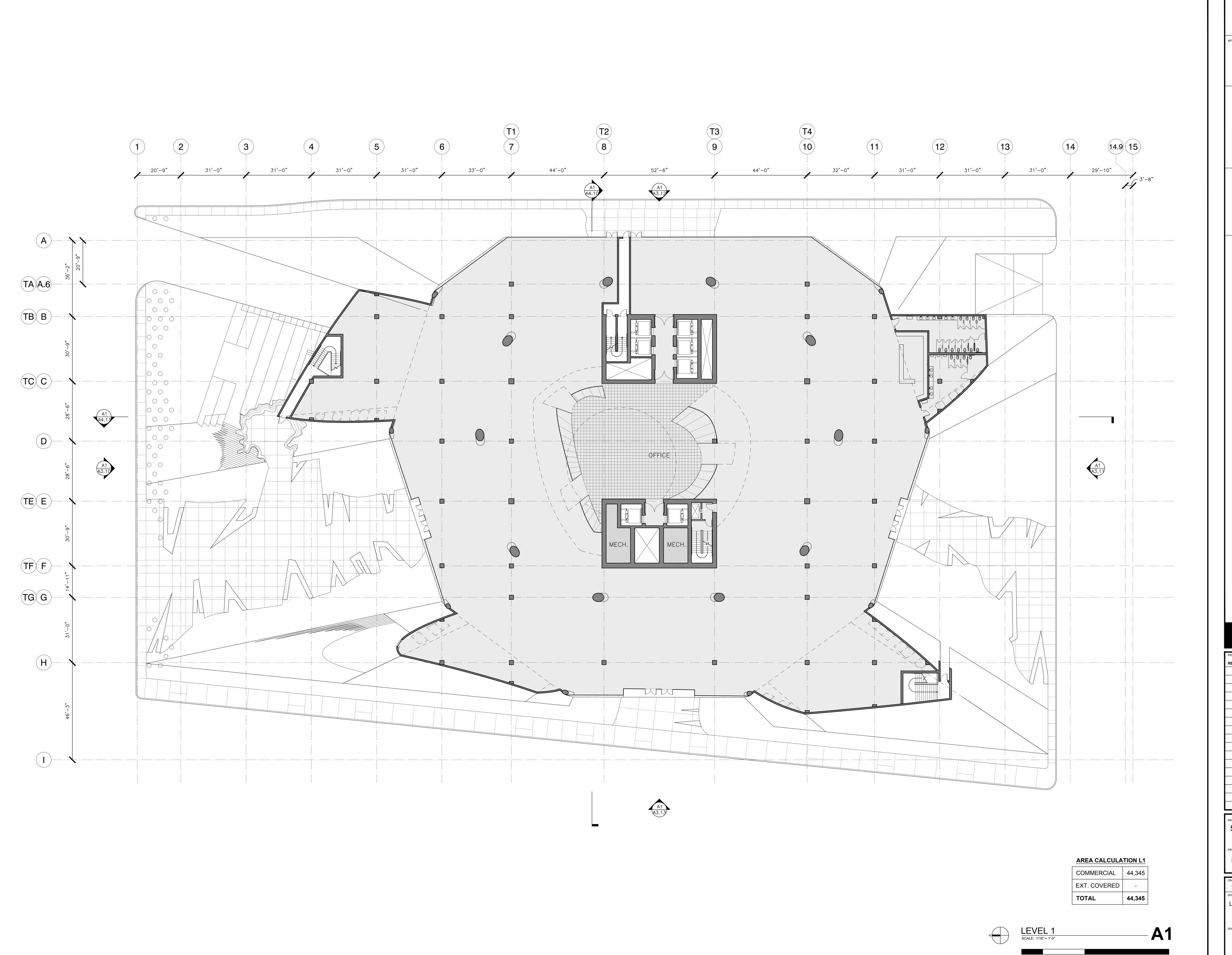
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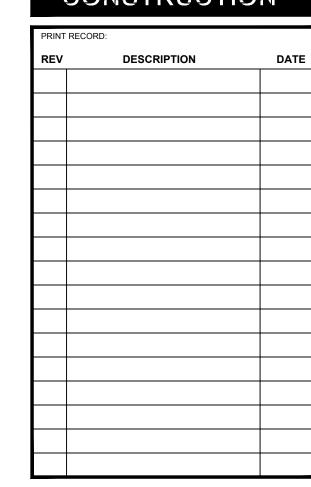
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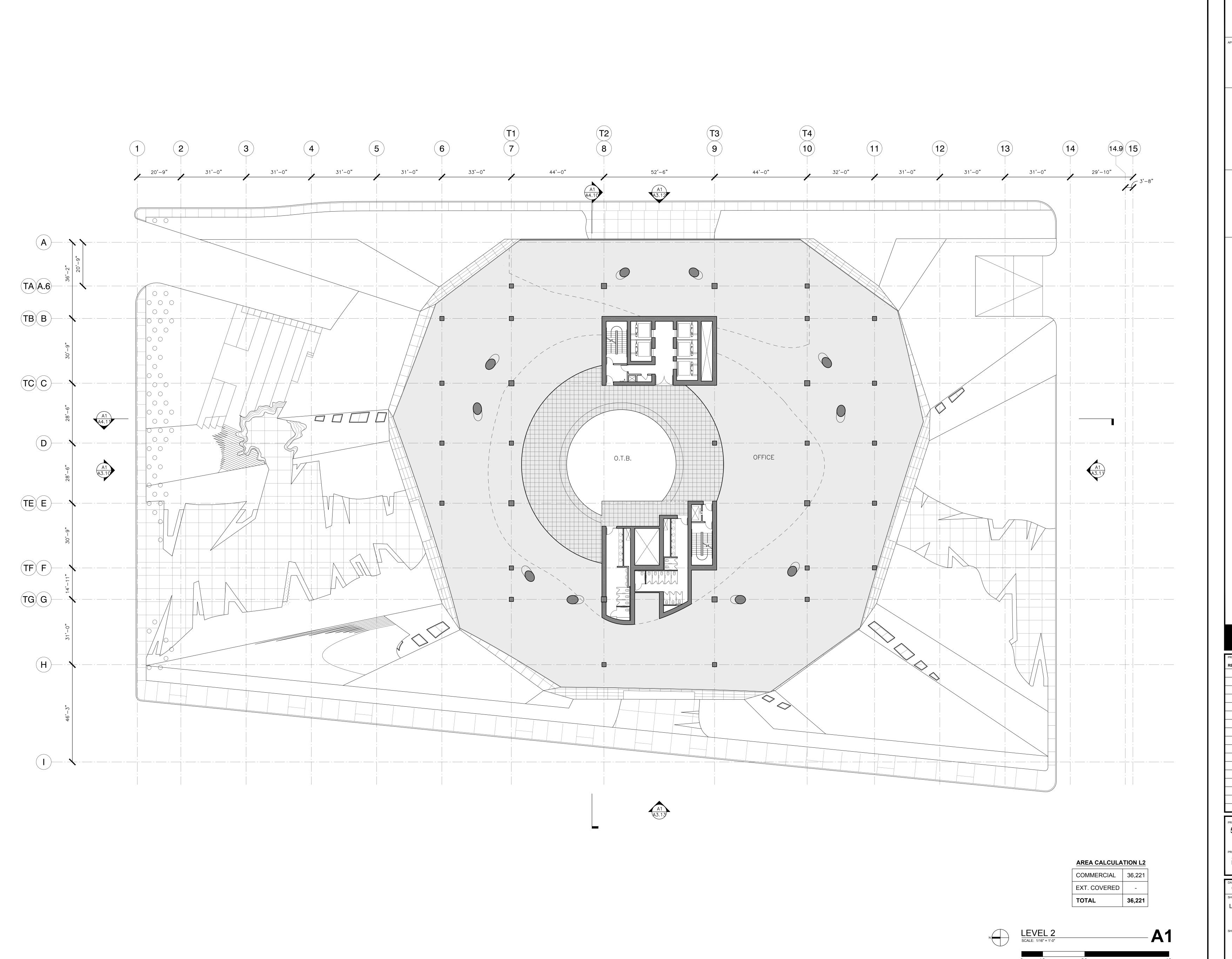
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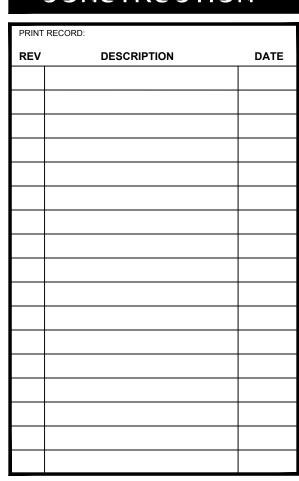
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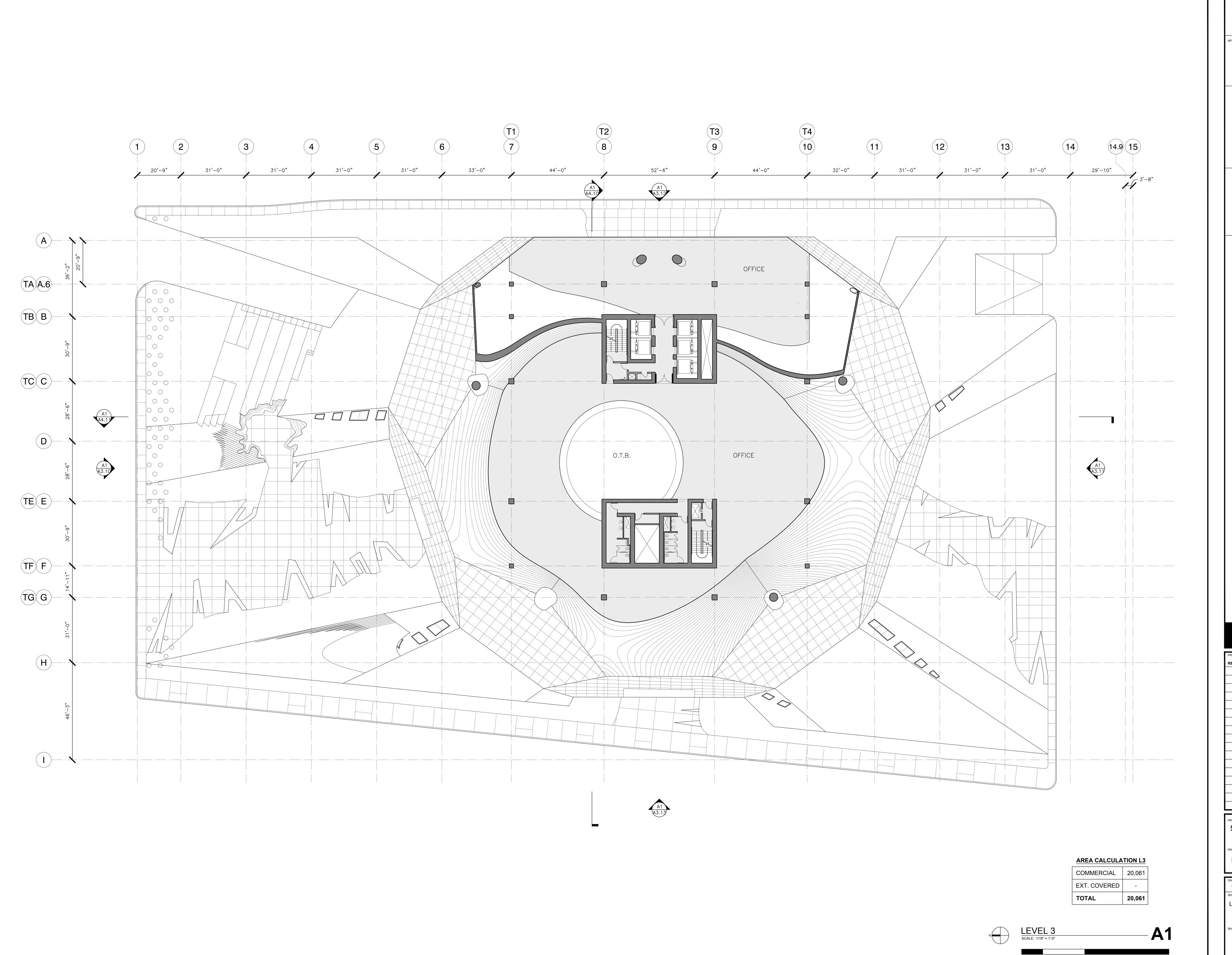
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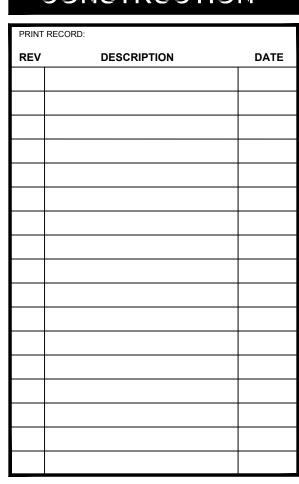
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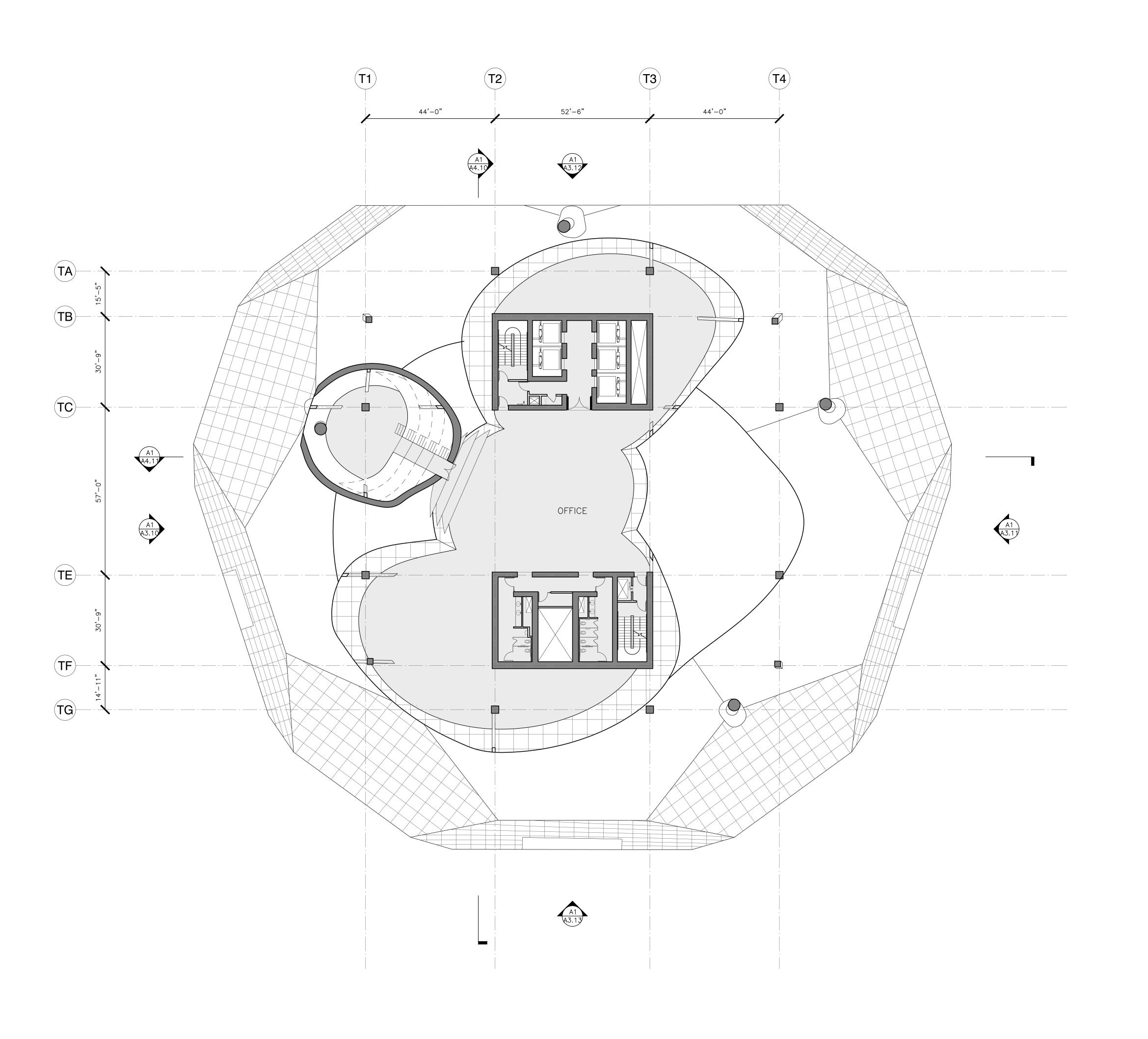
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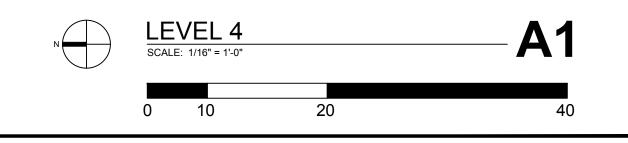


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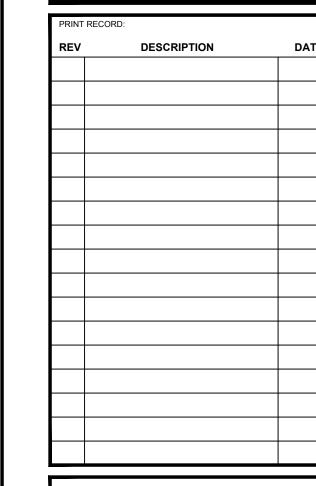
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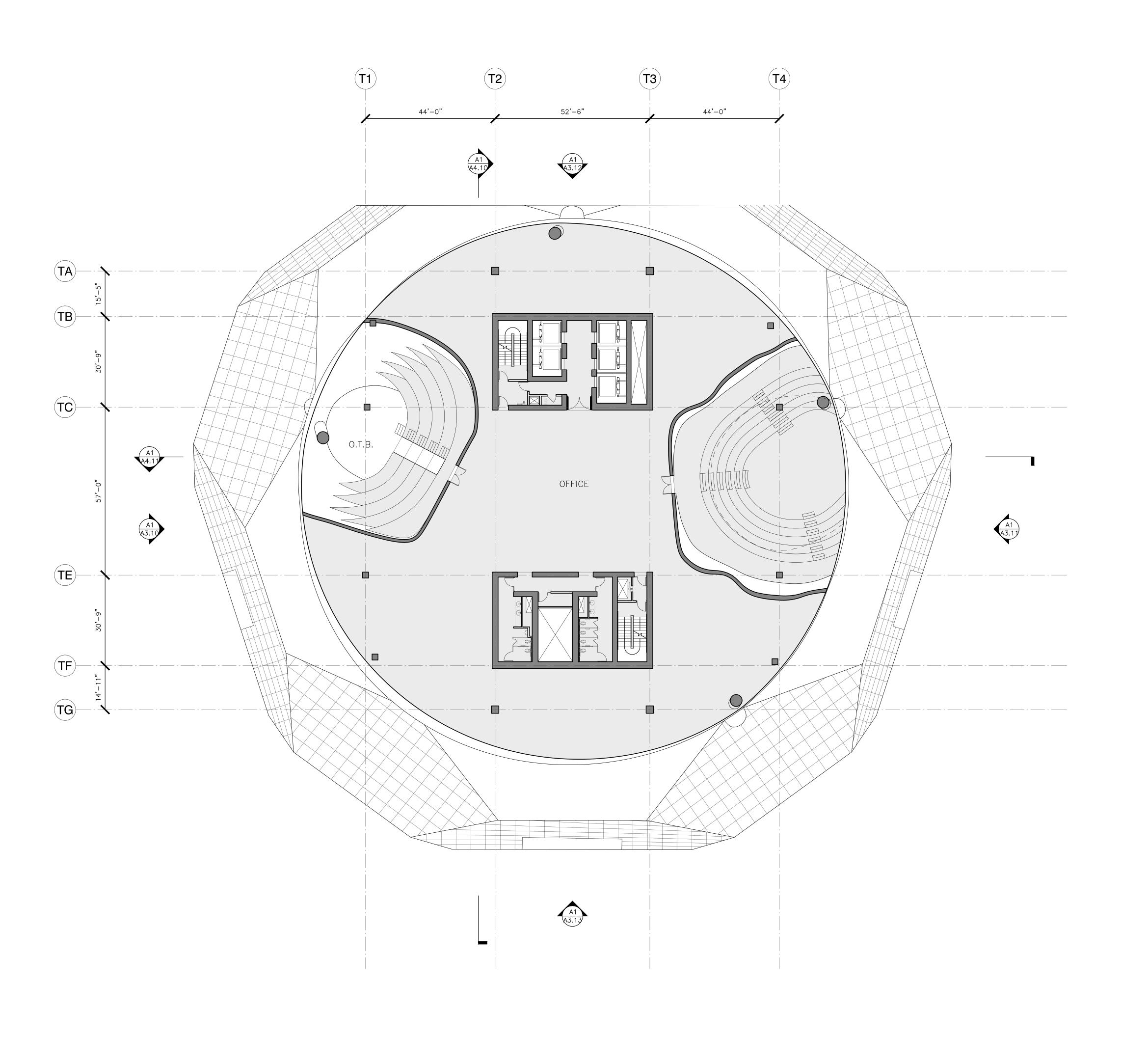


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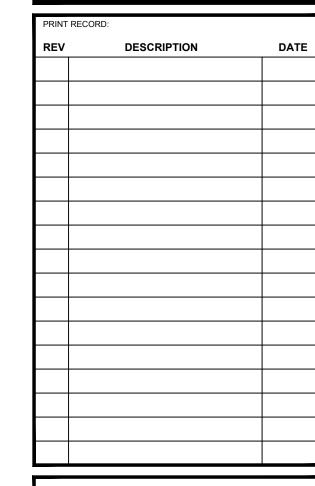
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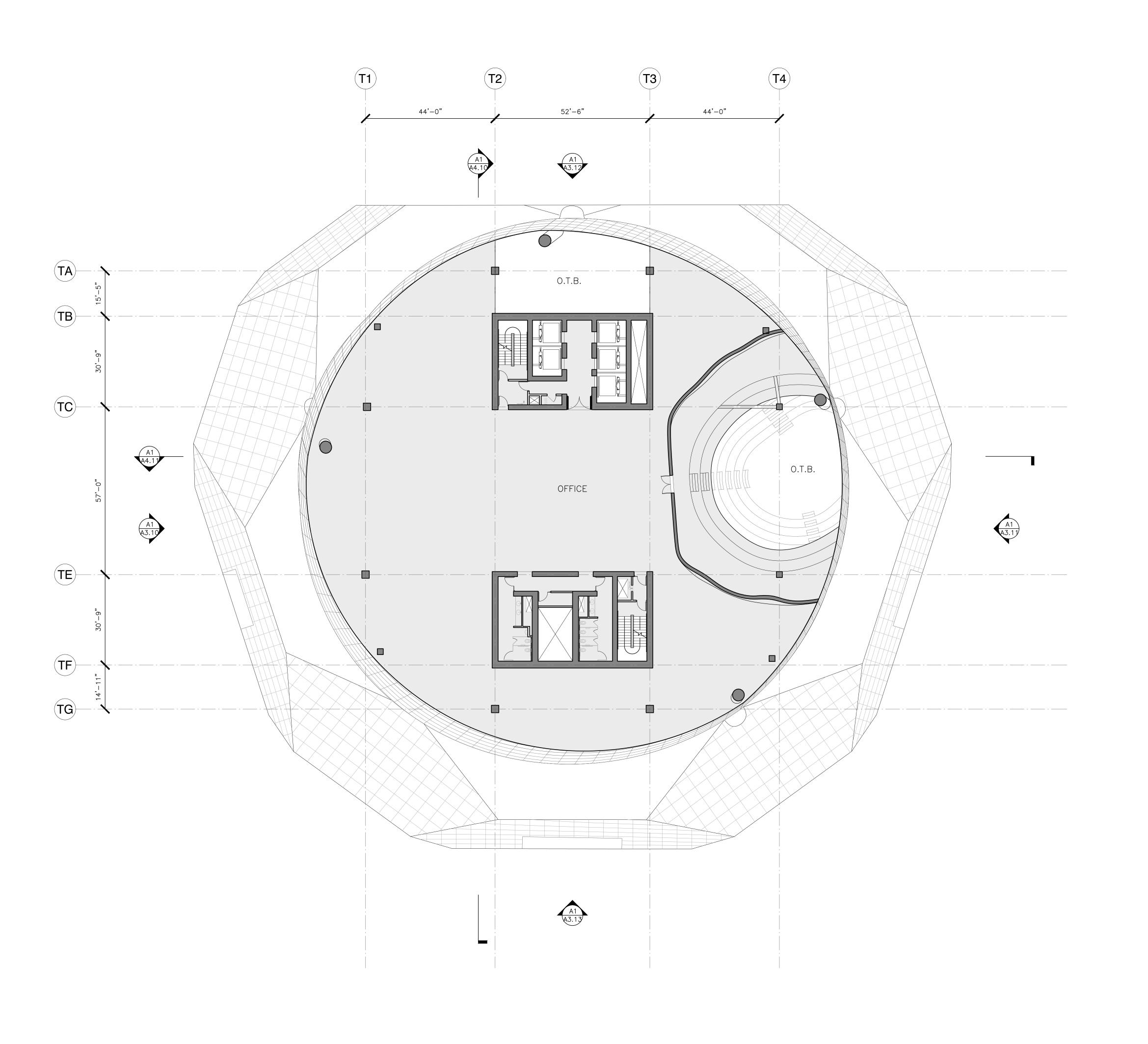


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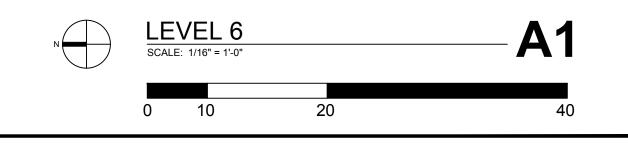
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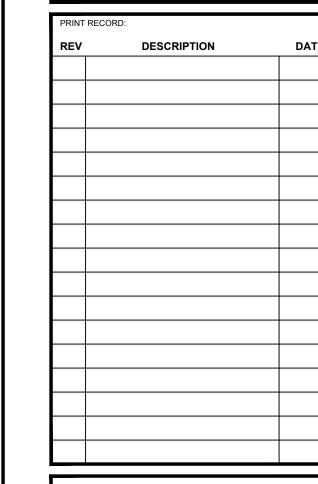
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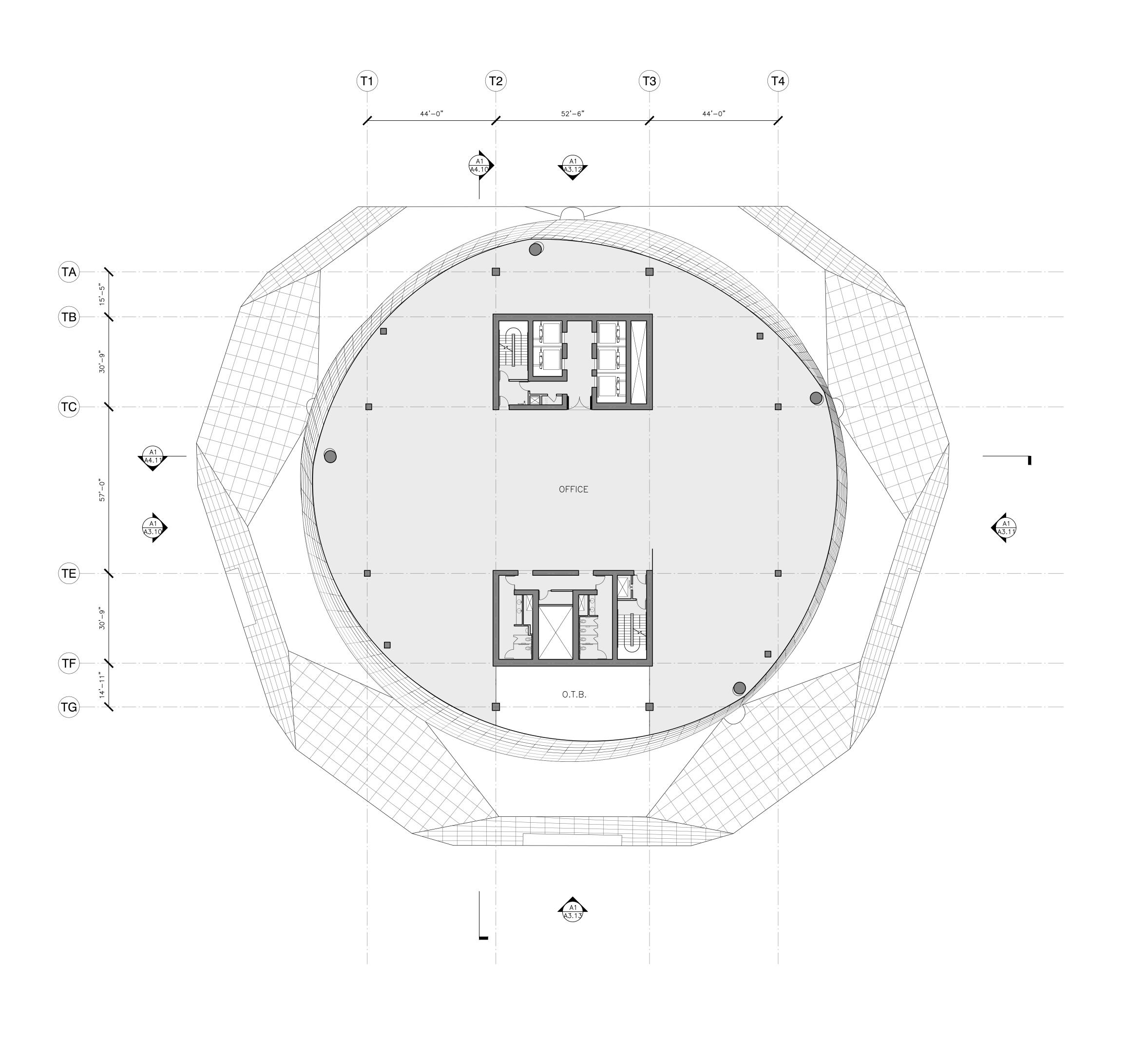


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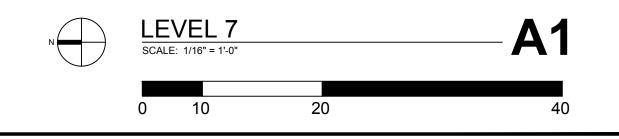
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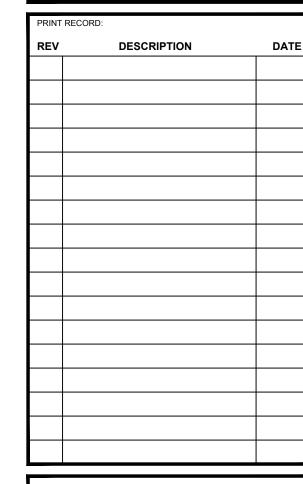
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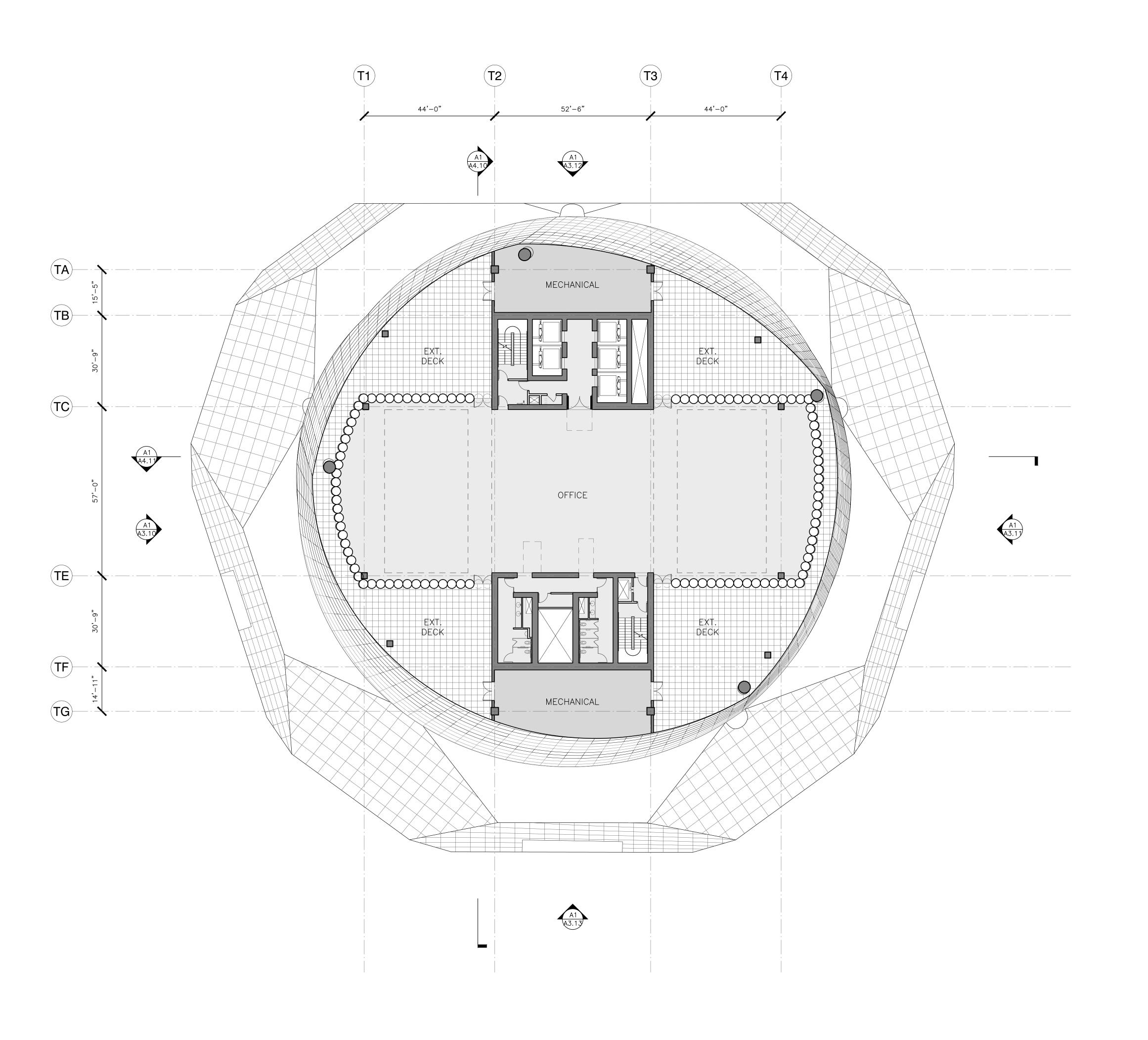


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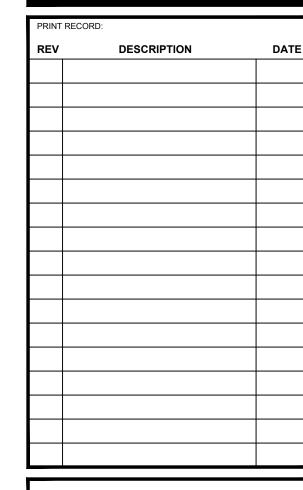
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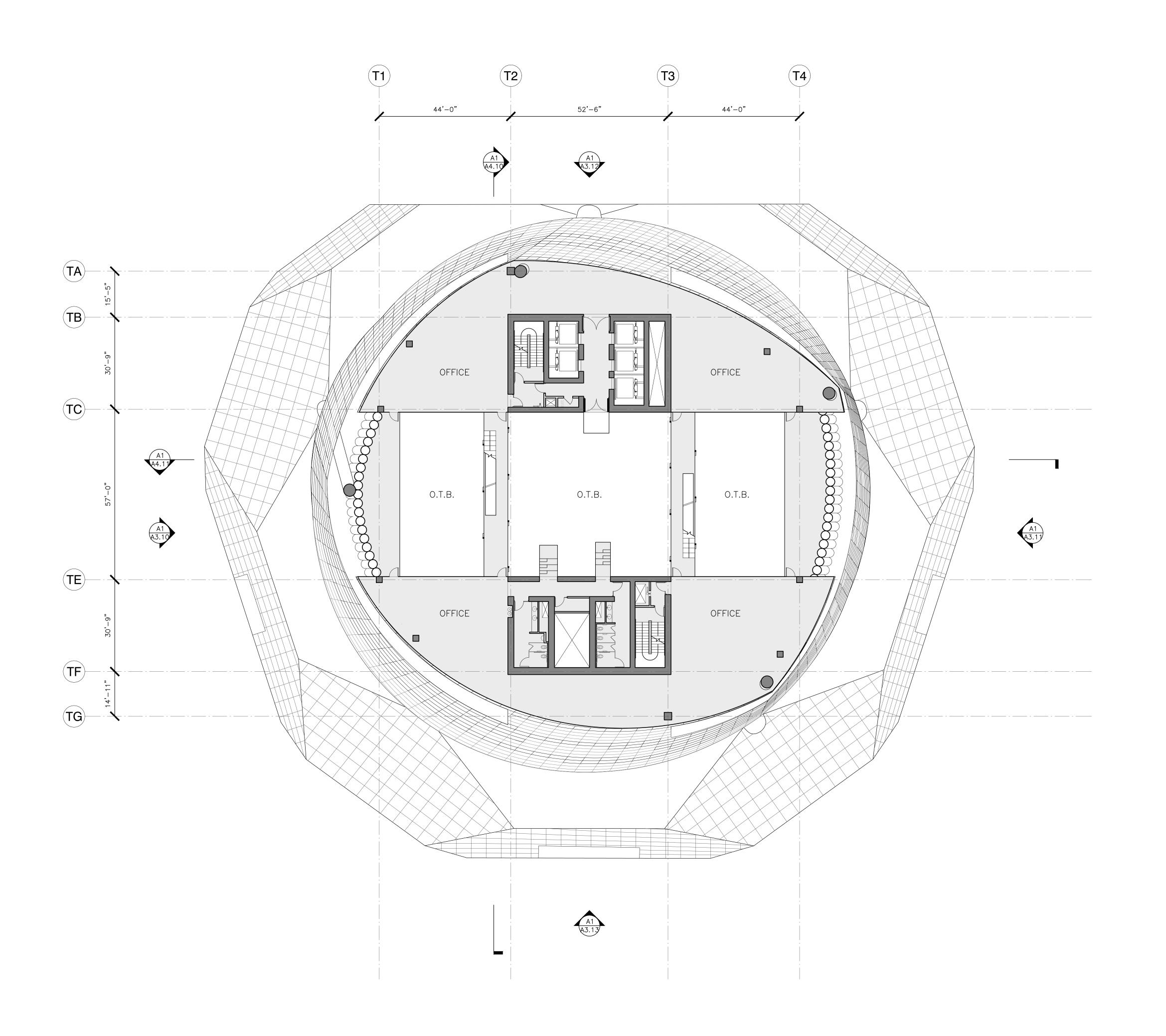
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# **AREA CALCULATION L9 - 10**

L	OCCUPANCY	AREA
9	COMMERCIAL	11,289
10	COMMERCIAL	8,364
TOTAL		19,653



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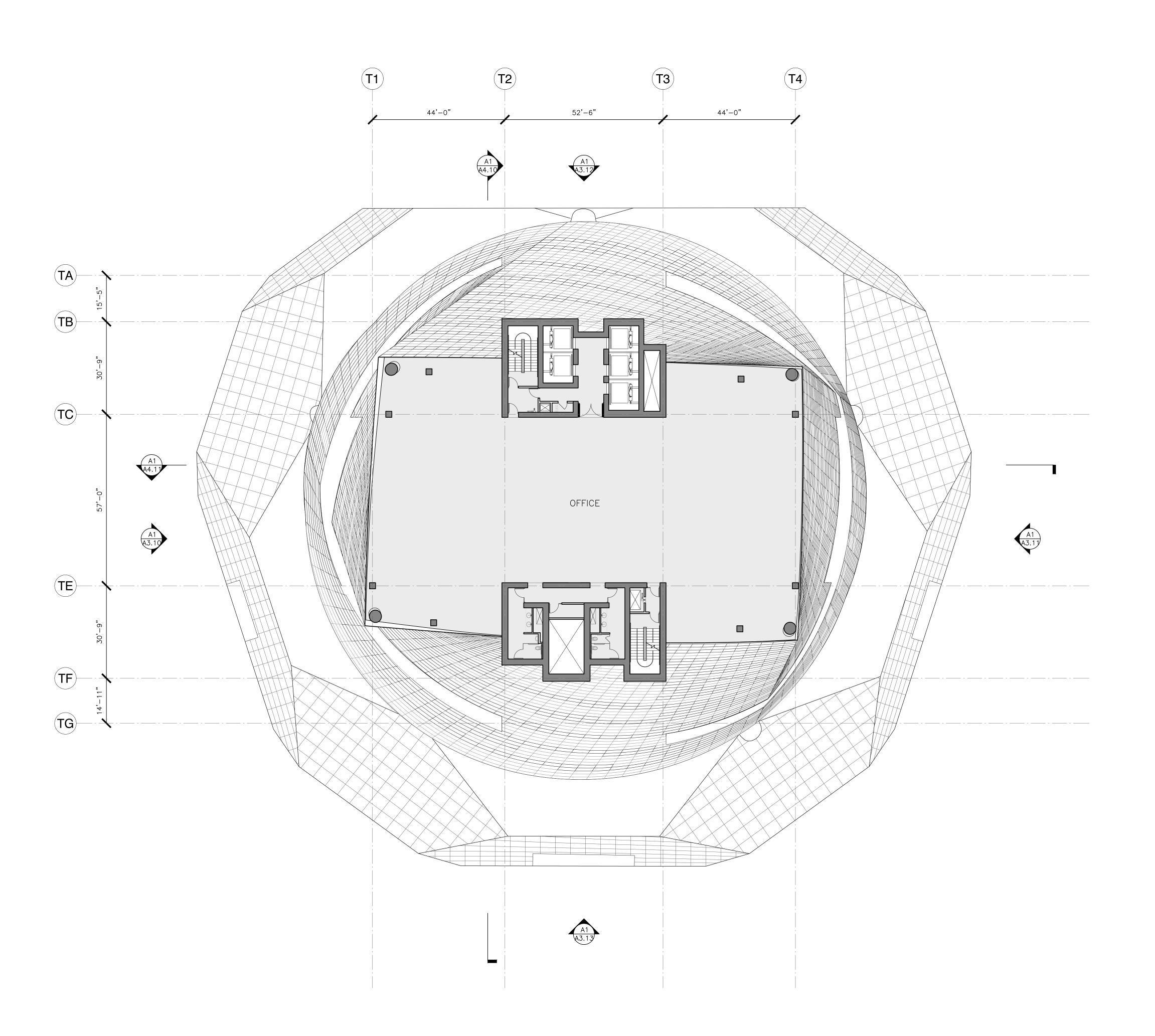
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12	COMMERCIAL	13,708	
13	COMMERCIAL	13,768	
14	COMMERCIAL	12,863	
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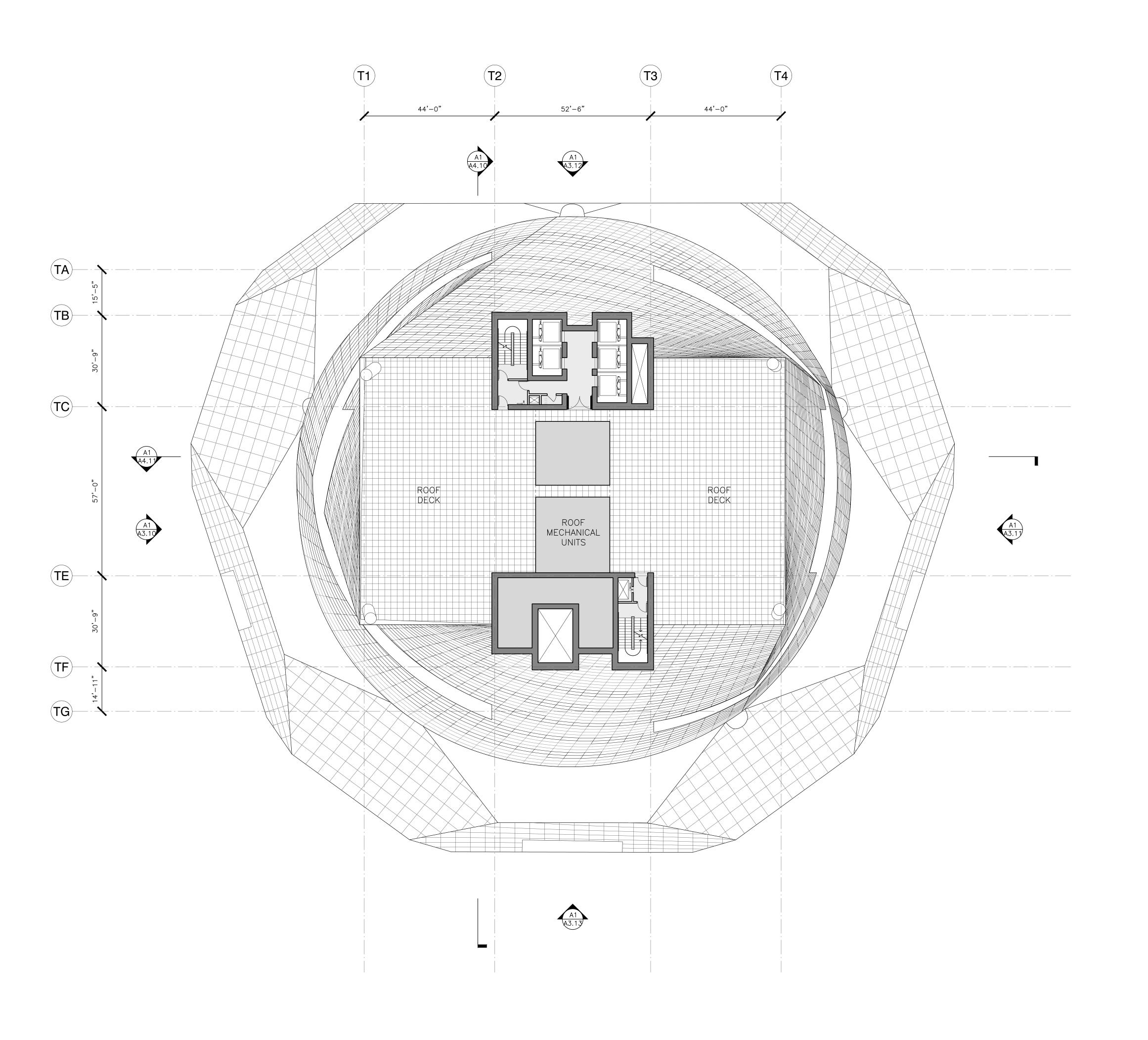
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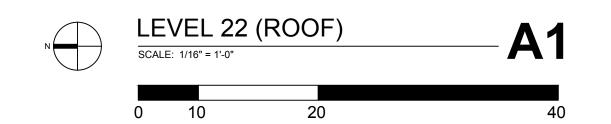
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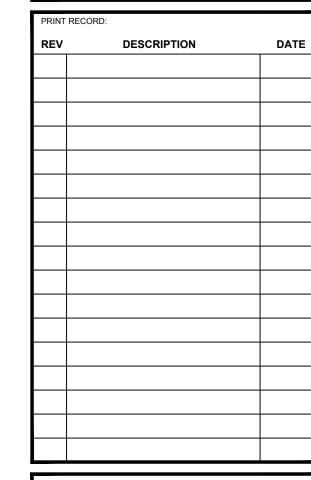
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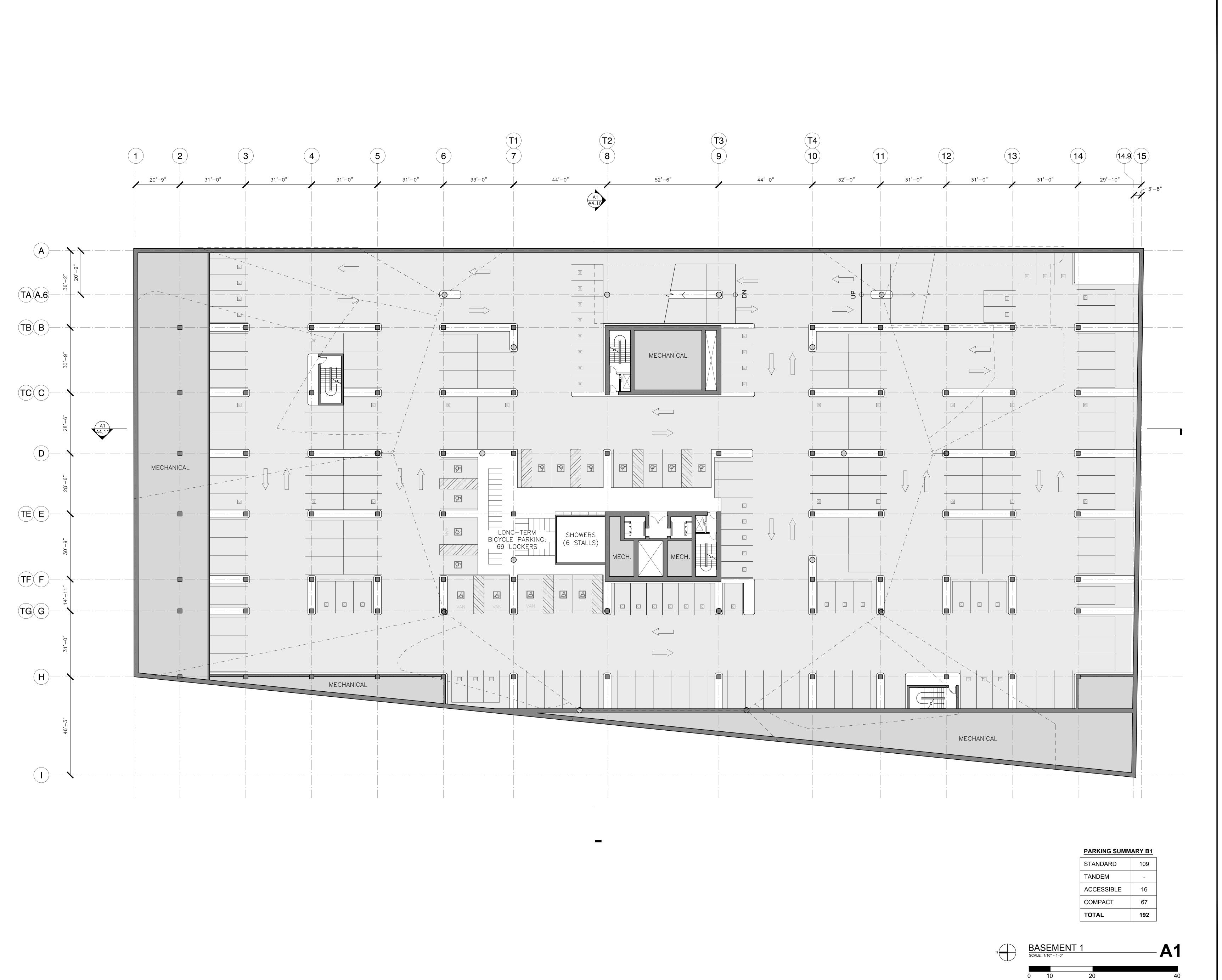


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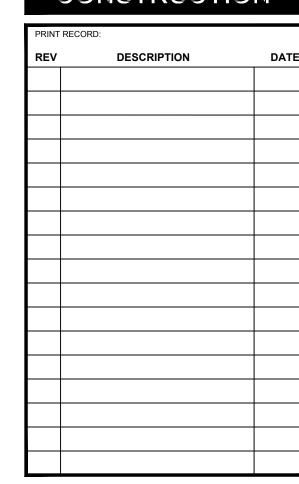
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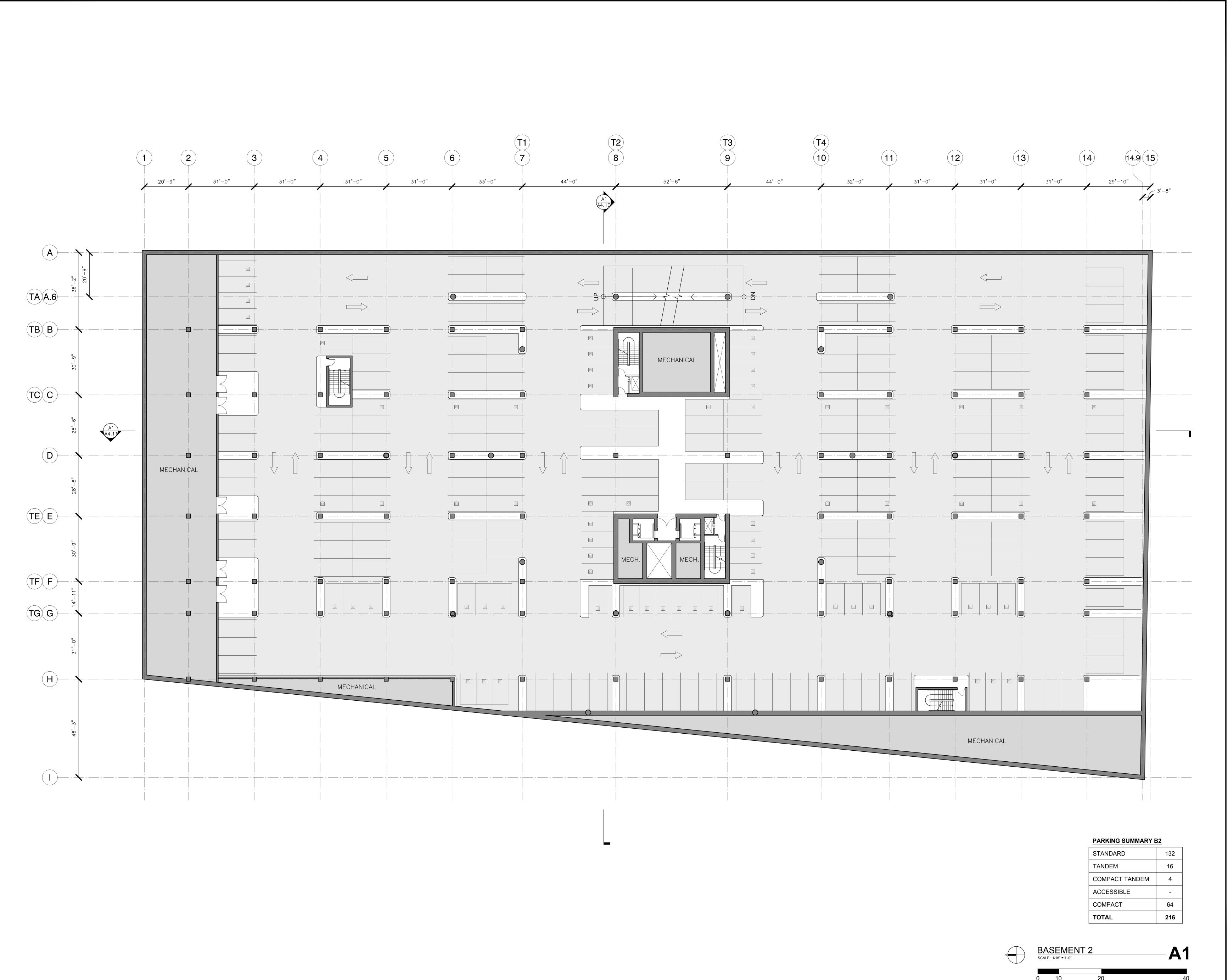
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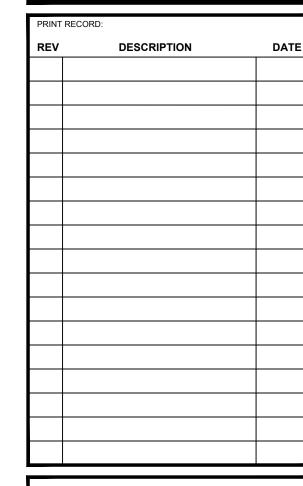
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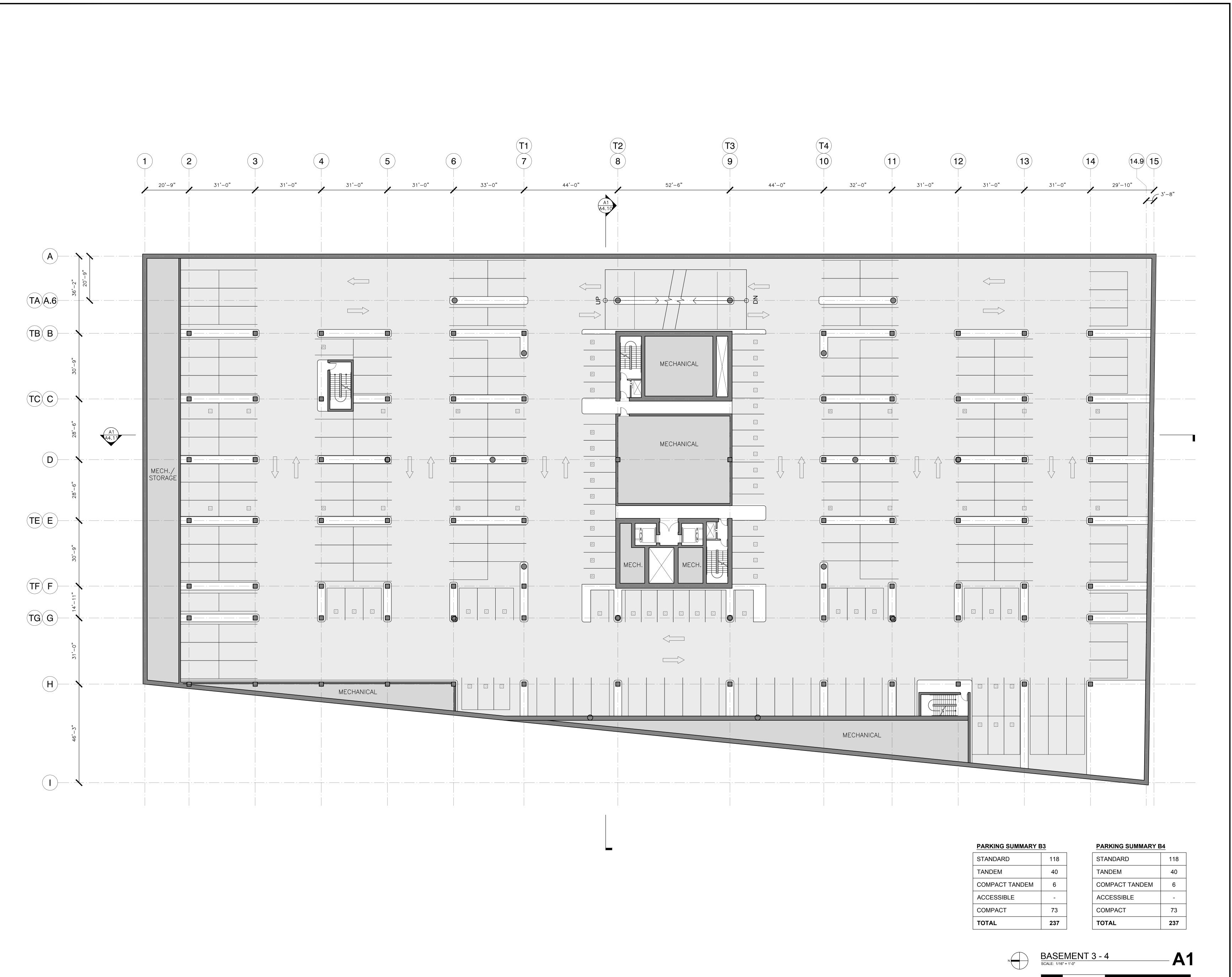
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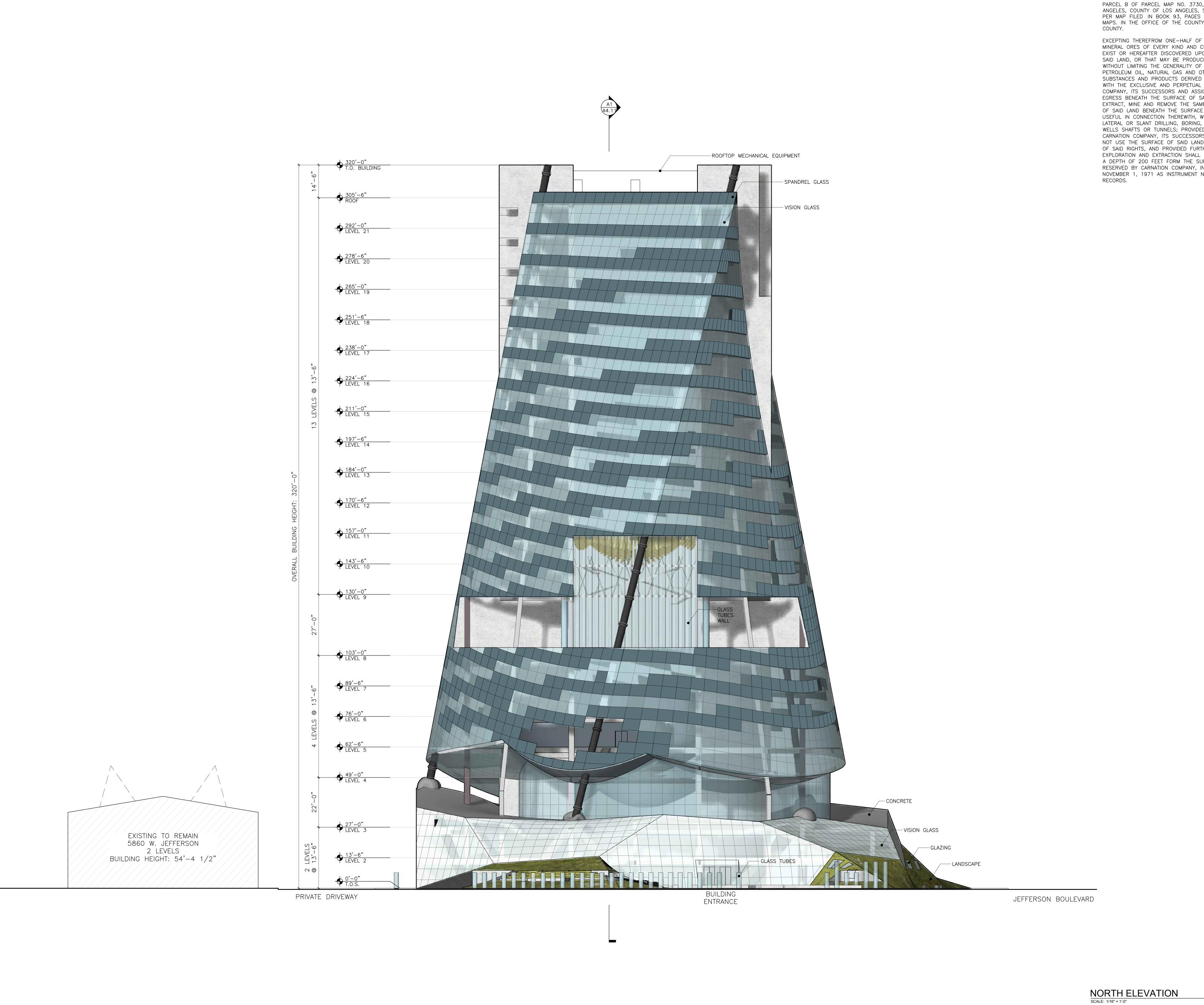
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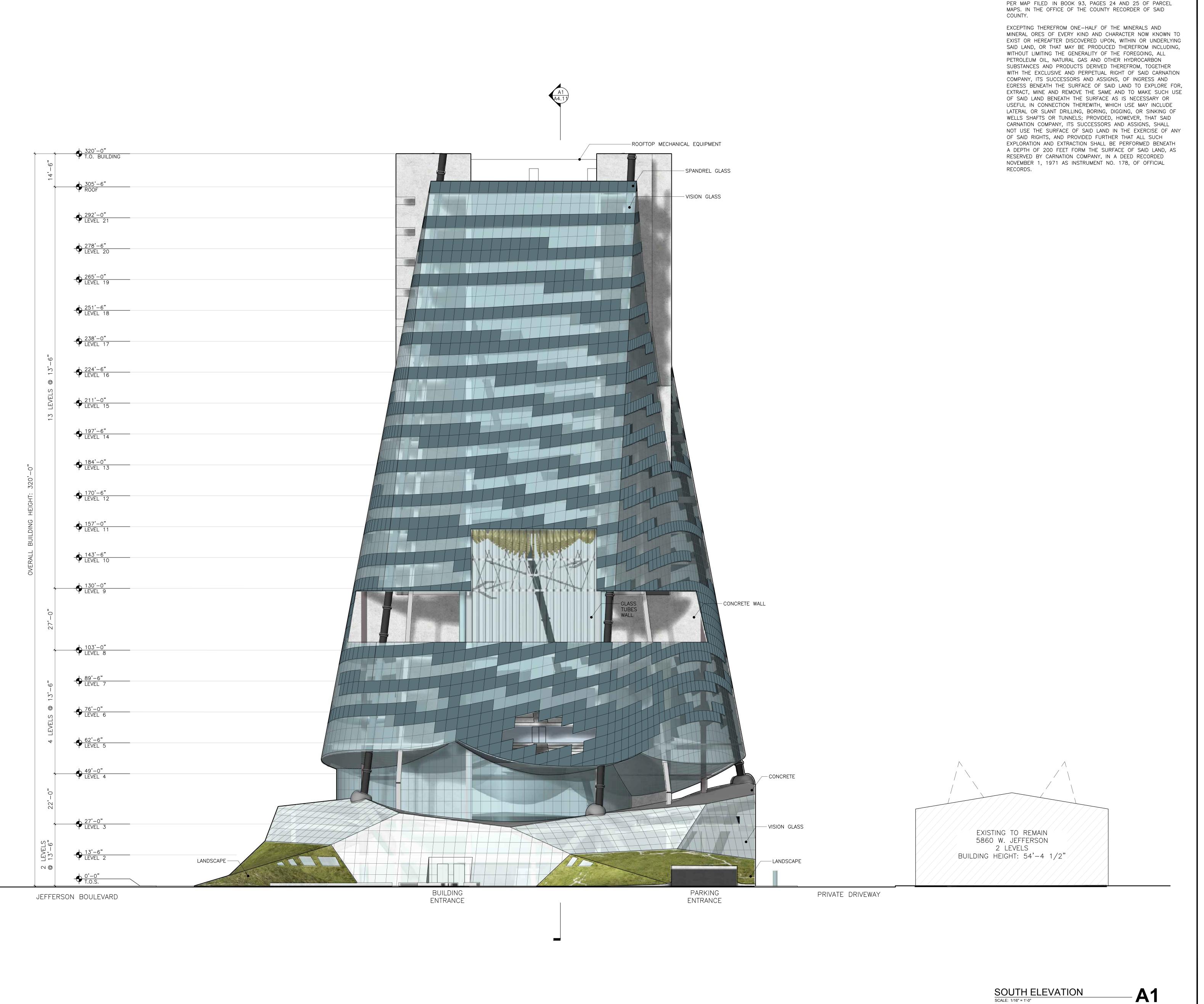
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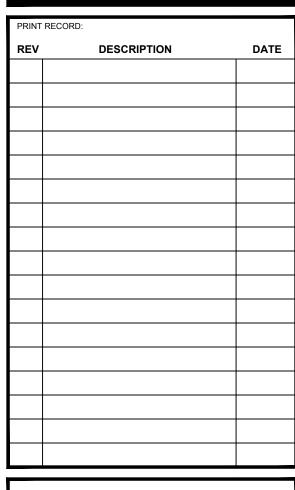
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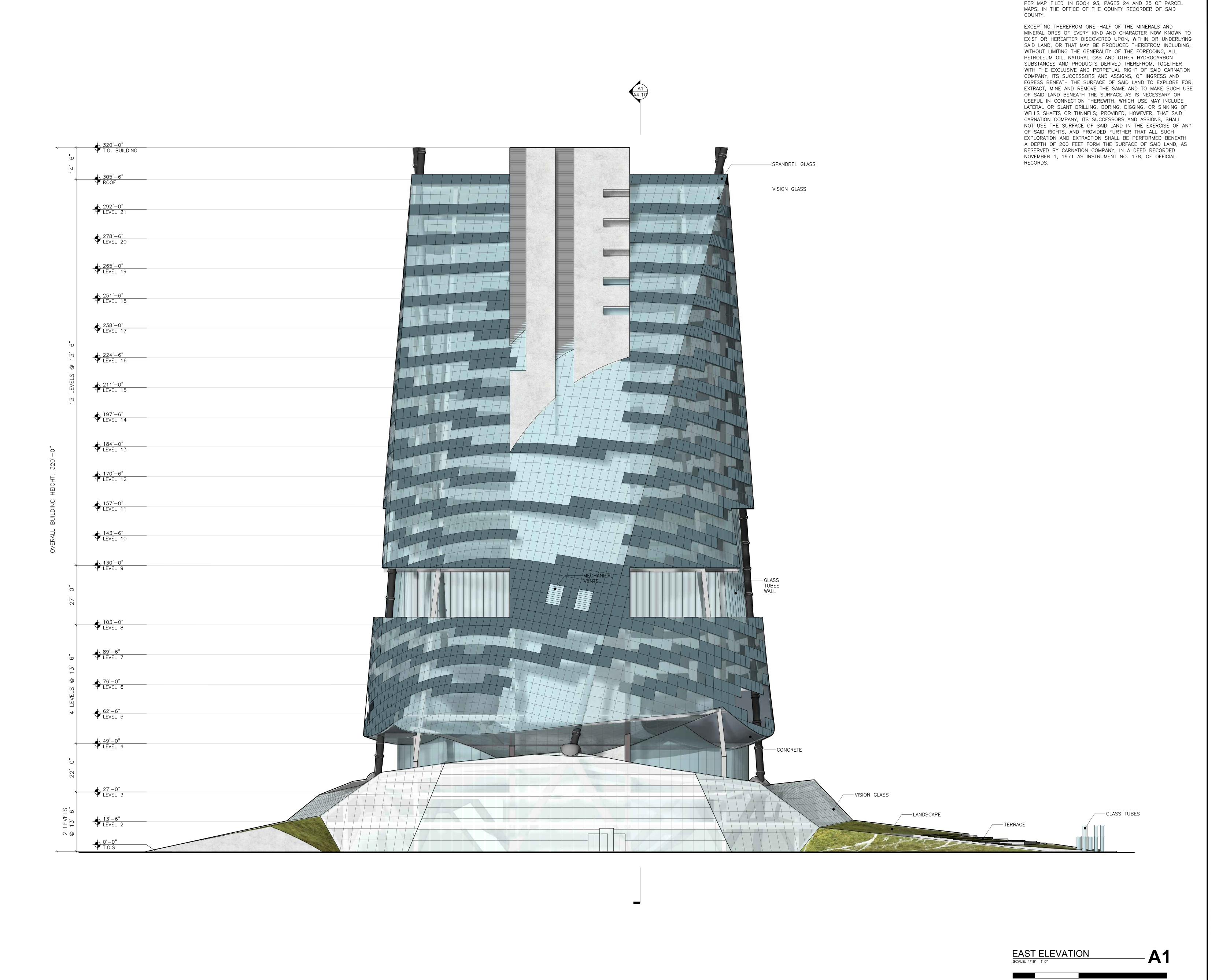
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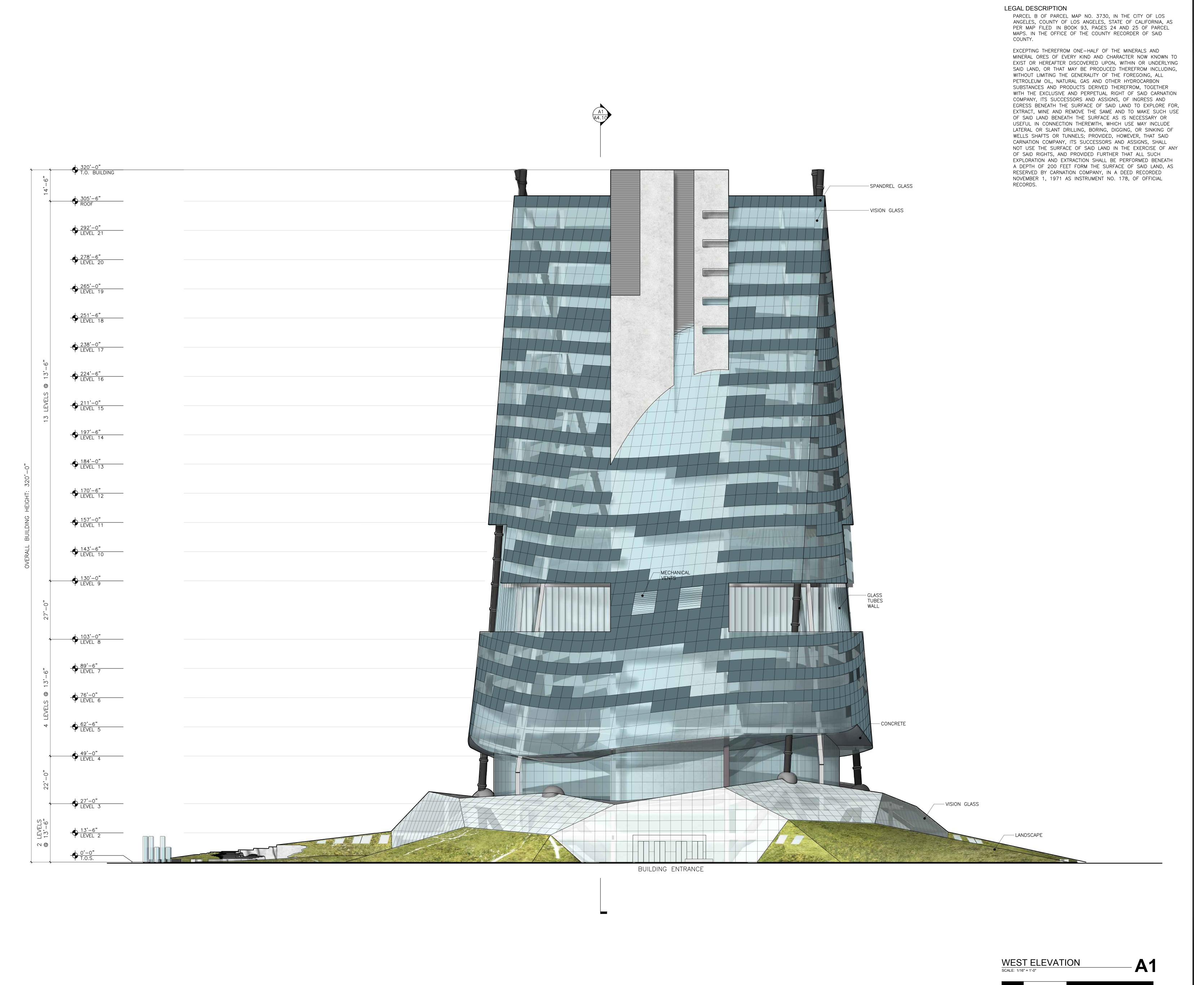
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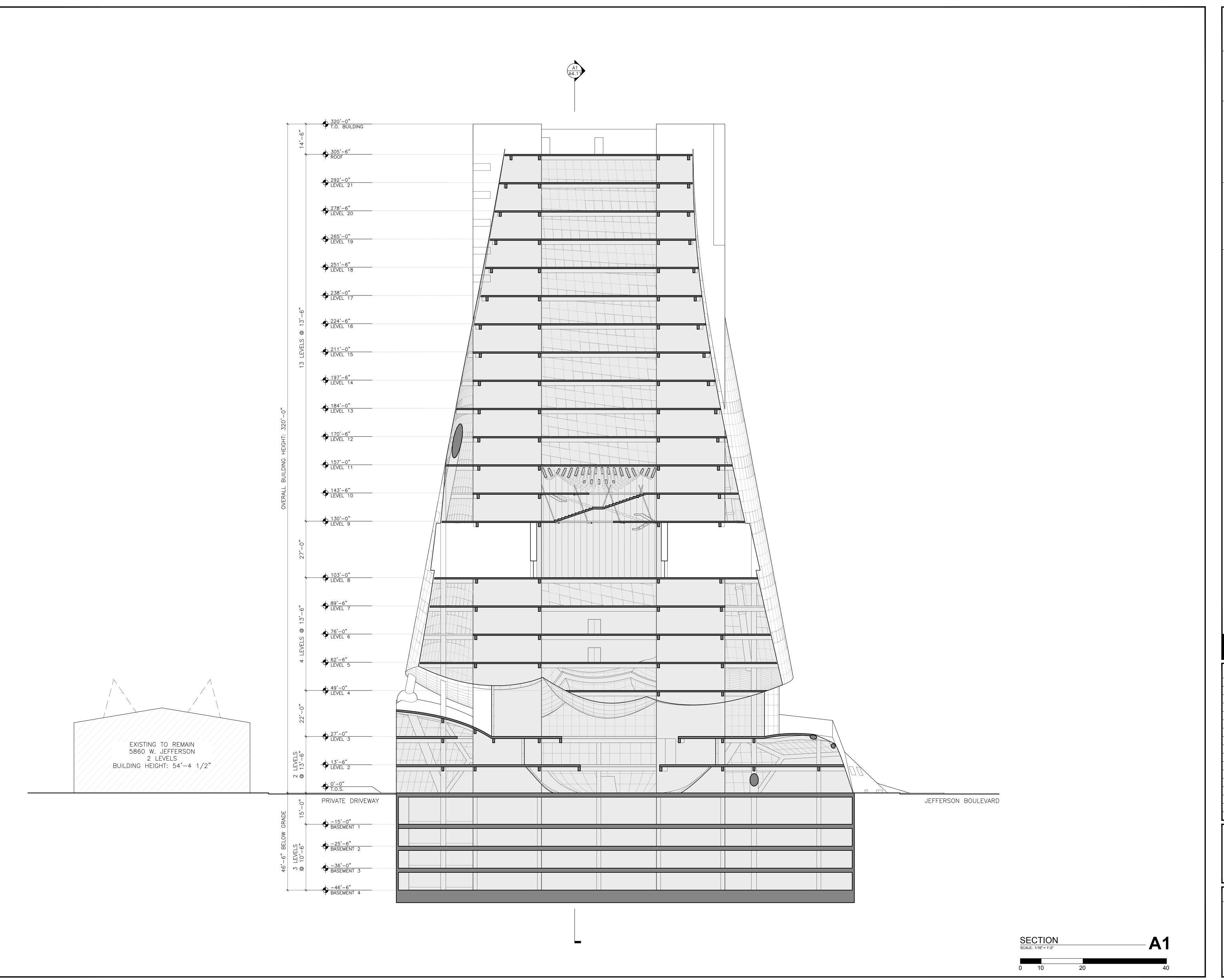
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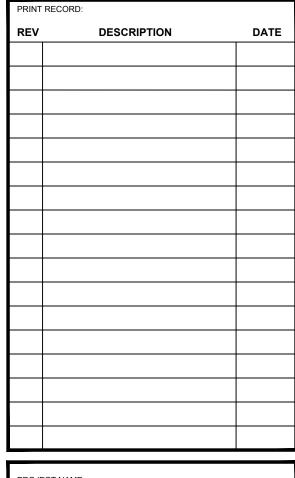
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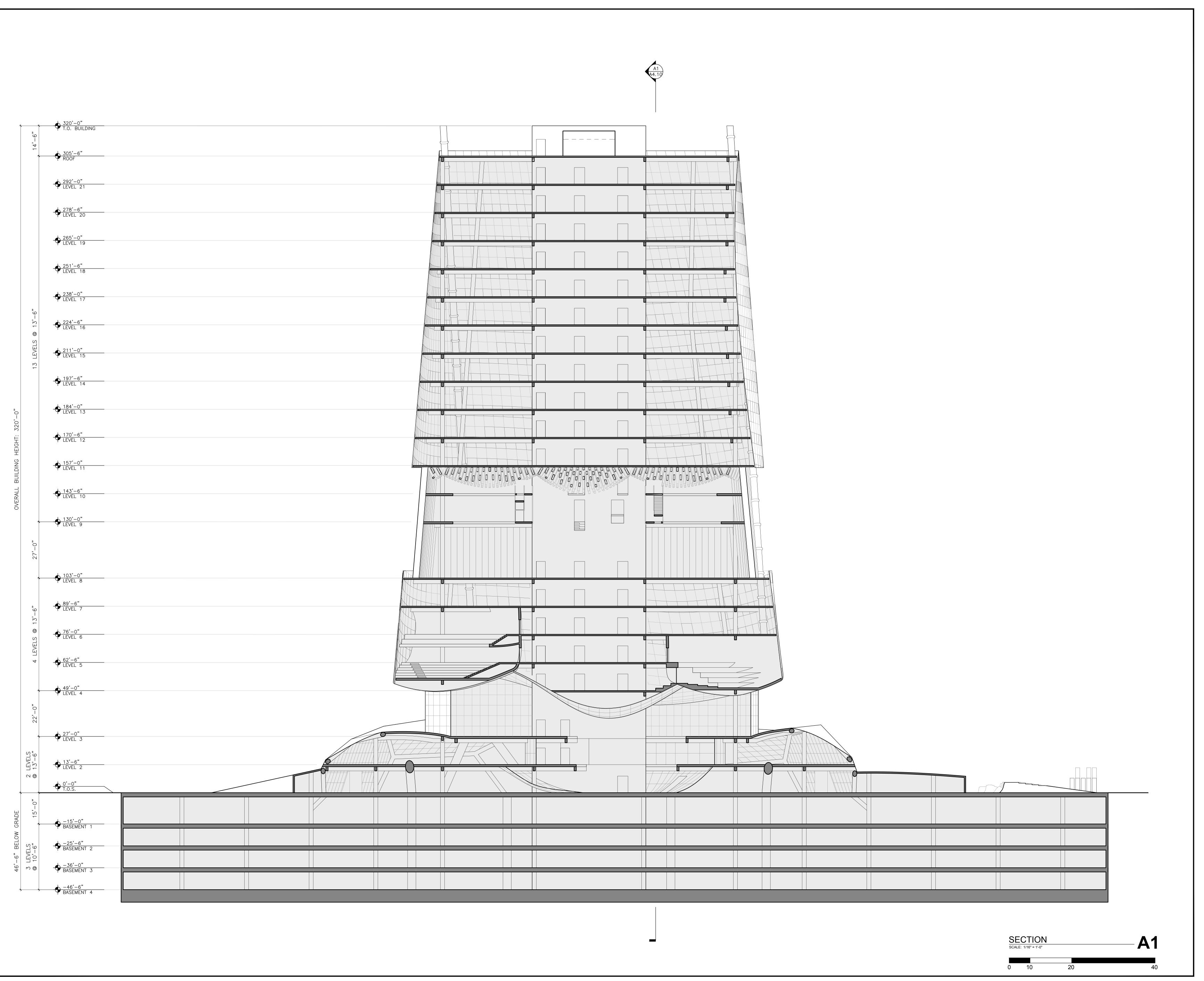


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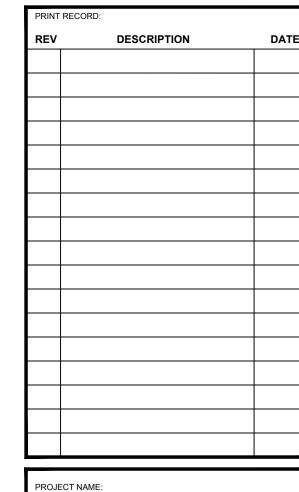
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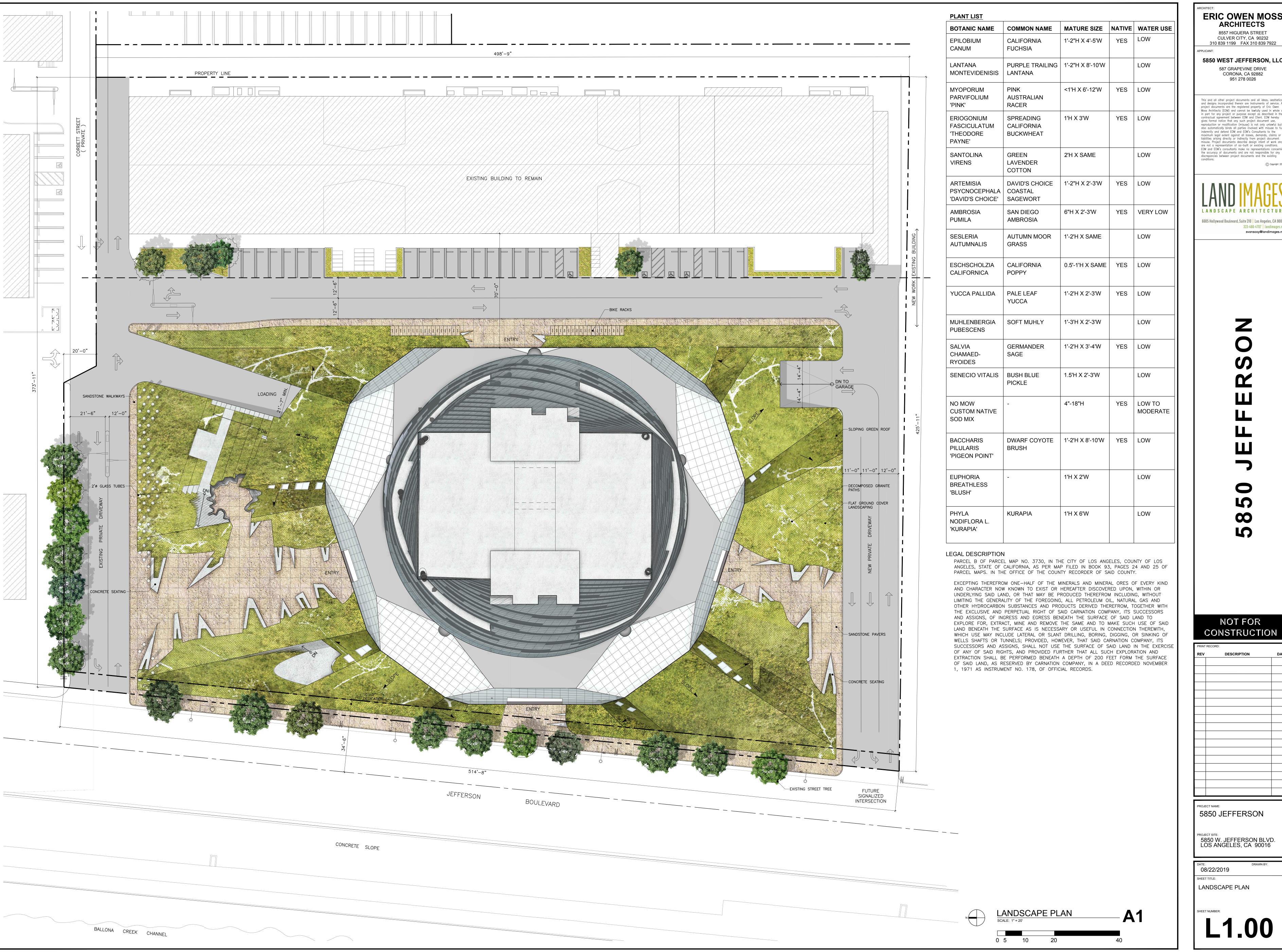
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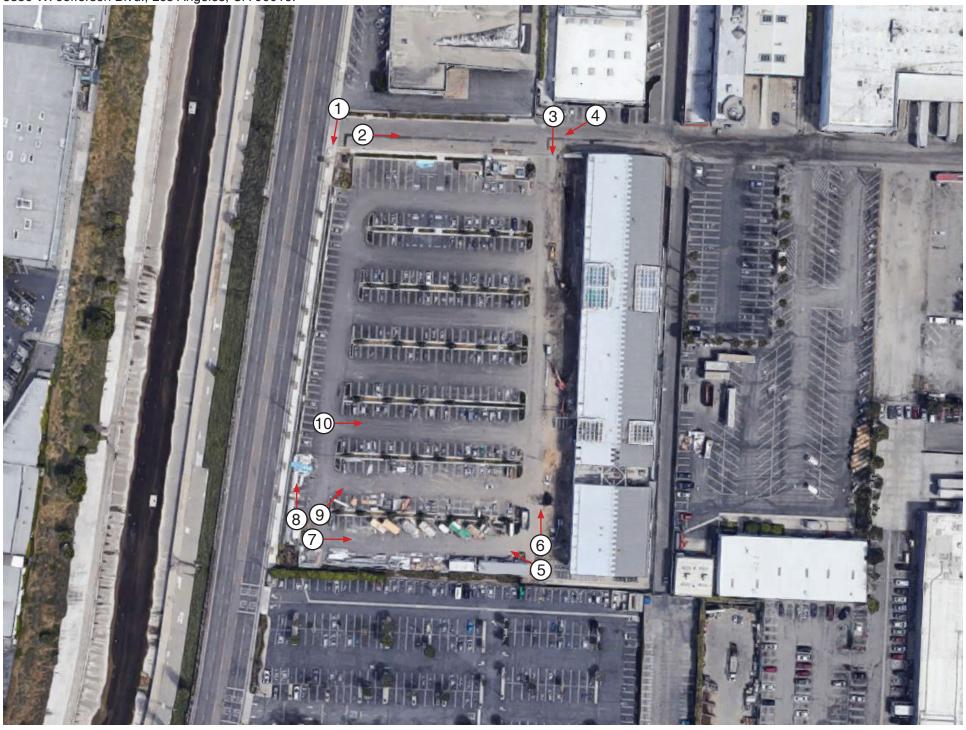
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1. View of Private Driveway and Jefferson Boulevard looking South

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3. View of drive aisle along West edge of existing building



4. View of Private Driveway and drive aisle looking Southwest

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5. View of existing surface parking lot looking Northwest

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6. View of existing surface parking lot and existing building looking North

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7. View of existing surface parking lot and existing building along South edge of property looking East

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8. View of Jefferson Boulevard and existing surface parking lot along West edge of property looking North

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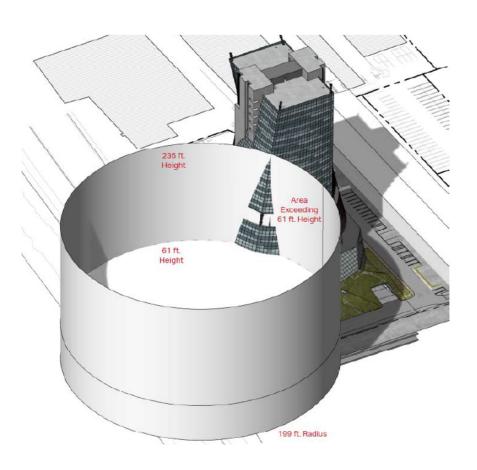
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9. View of existing surface parking lot and existing building looking Northeast

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# Addendum No. 3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the West Adams New Community Plan

Environmental Case: ENV-2008-478-EIR State Clearinghouse No.: SCH No. 2008021013

Project Location: 5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard

Community Plan Area: West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert

Council District: 10—Wesson

**Project Description:** The Project Site, located at 5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard, is approximately 197,412 square feet (approximately 4.53 acres) and is accessible via Jefferson Boulevard. The Applicant is proposing to redevelop a portion of the Project Site by replacing the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square foot office building that is approximately 320 feet (22 stories) in height. Approximately 908 vehicle parking spaces would be provided in four subterranean parking levels and limited surface parking, and the 5850 Project would also include approximately 104 bicycle parking spaces (including 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 35 short-term bicycle parking spaces). The existing approximately 49,877 square foot media production building would remain on-site. Upon completion, the Project Site would include approximately 394,824 square feet of floor area.

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The City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning

#### PREPARED BY:

CAJA Environmental Services, LLC

#### **APPLICANT:**

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# ADDENDUM TO THE EIR

# 1. Introduction

Project Title: Addendum No. 3 to the Final Environmental Impact Report for the West

Adams New Community Plan

Environmental No.: ENV-2008-478-EIR

State Clearinghouse: 2008021013

Project Location: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA, 90016 (Project Site or

Site)

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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared and certified for the West Adams–Baldwin Hills–Leimert New Community Plan (SCH No. 20080210113). The Final EIR document is hereinafter referred to as the "Certified EIR." The Certified EIR consists of a Project EIR.

This document is an addendum to the Certified EIR and has been prepared to evaluate potential environmental effects that may be associated with proposed changes in the previously approved West Adams–Baldwin Hills–Leimert New Community Plan (or "Approved Project"). These modifications are related to a development at the above listed address (described in full in subsection 1.3, 5850 Project, below). Two addenda to the Certified EIR have been previously prepared. Addendum No. 1 was prepared in April 2018, for the properties located at 5870, 5880, and 5890 Jefferson Boulevard and 5869, 5871, 5877, and 5901 Rodeo Road. Addendum No. 1 examined the request for a zone and height district change to modify the floor area ratio (FAR) for these properties from 1.5:1 FAR to 2:1 FAR, and to move these properties from Parcel Group A to Parcel Group F in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) District. Addendum No. 2 was prepared in December 2018, for the properties located at 3235 – 3243 Hutchison Avenue and 8695 Washington Boulevard. Addendum No. 2 examined the request to add an additional office above an existing two-story automated parking structure in the Helms Bakery District.

The Certified EIR for the Approved Project included a comprehensive revision of the adopted 1998 West Adams Community Plan. The Approved Project included new policies and programs, as well as zone changes, General Plan land use designation changes, district amendments, and establishes overlay zones. The zoning designations served to regulate development standards such as: heights of structures, setbacks, lot coverage, density and intensity, open space, use of land, parking, and design. A CPIO was also established to regulate development that is consistent with the General Plan, to enhance the unique character of neighborhoods, and to address growth within the West Adams Community Plan Area (CPA). While the policies and programs contained within the West Adams New Community Plan do apply throughout the CPA, only certain portions of the CPA were proposed to undergo zoning and land use changes. The change areas were classified into different types: CPIO District subareas and Specific Plan Amendment change areas, nomenclature change areas, and zone changes to establish consistency.

# 1.1 Project Location

The West Adams CPA is located approximately seven miles southwest of Downtown Los Angeles and contains approximately 8,710 acres (approximately 13.61 square miles) of land area. The West Adams CPA is generally bordered on the north by Pico and Venice Boulevards; on the west by Robertson Boulevard and the eastern limits of Culver City; on the south by the Baldwin Hills, City of Inglewood, and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County; and to the east by Arlington and Van Ness Avenues. The West Adams CPA is one of 35 Community Plans in the City of Los Angeles and is bordered by the South Los Angeles CPA on the east, the Wilshire CPA on the north, and portions of the West Los Angeles and Palms-Mar Vista-Del Rey CPAs on the west. The Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) is the only freeway traversing the West Adams CPA. Major north-south corridors include Arlington Avenue, Crenshaw Boulevard, La Brea Avenue, Fairfax Avenue, La Cienega Boulevard, and Robertson Boulevard. Major eastwest corridors include Pico Boulevard, Venice Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, Adams Boulevard, Jefferson Boulevard, Exposition Boulevard, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Leimert Boulevard, Slauson Avenue, and Florence Avenue. See Figure 1-1 for a regional location map of the Community Plan Area.

# 1.2 Approved Project (Certified EIR)

The West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert New Community Plan (Approved Project) is a comprehensive revision of a planning document, the adopted 1998 West Adams Community Plan. In order to implement the Approved Project, an EIR was certified in 2016, to assess its potential environmental effects and propose mitigation measures, as needed. The Approved Project included new policies and programs, as well as zone changes, General Plan land use designation changes, district amendments, and established overlay zones. The zoning designations would serve to regulate development standards such as: heights of structures, setbacks, lot coverage, density and intensity, open space, use of land, parking, and design. See Figure 1-2 for a Community Plan land use designation map.

The Approved Project included the environmental analysis of implementing an ordinance that was intended to:

- Guide development through 2030;
- Refine and amend the existing 1996 General Plan Framework Element;
- Initiate General Plan Amendments and Zone Changes as necessary to implement the General Plan and accomplish the stated goals and policies of the New Community Plan program;
- Amend and establish Overlay Districts, Specific Plans, and/or special districts to portions
  of the West Adams New Community Plan, as necessary to implement the General Plan
  Framework and community plan policies; and
- Refine and amend any applicable City-Wide Elements of the General Plan.

The CPIO District was established to regulate development that is consistent with the General Plan, to enhance the unique character of neighborhoods, and to address growth within the West Adams CPA. While the policies and programs contained within the Community Plan apply throughout the CPA, only certain portions of the CPA were proposed to undergo zoning and land use changes. The change areas were classified into different types: CPIO District subareas and Specific Plan Amendment change areas, nomenclature change areas, and zone changes to establish consistency. The nomenclature change areas were changes in name only; densities, heights, and land uses did not change in these areas as a result of the Approved Project. Other zone change adjustments simply maintained consistency between existing land uses and the General Plan.

The CPIO District subareas and Specific Plan Amendment change areas incorporated locations where "active" changes were made. These changes primarily pertained to properties located along many of the major commercial and industrial corridors of the CPA, as well as the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) areas located directly adjacent to the operating Metro Expo Light Rail Transit Line and the Crenshaw/LAX Light Rail Transit Line, currently under construction. Existing development parameters along these corridors and TOD areas were tailored in a manner that directs future growth away from adjacent residential neighborhoods toward higher-intensity commercial center locations and areas in proximity to public transit. Figure 1-3 provides a map of the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea boundaries.

In addition to policies addressing the distribution of land uses and building intensity, the proposed West Adams New Community Plan also addressed mobility, historic preservation, urban design, provisions for public infrastructure, public safety, and healthy and sustainable communities.

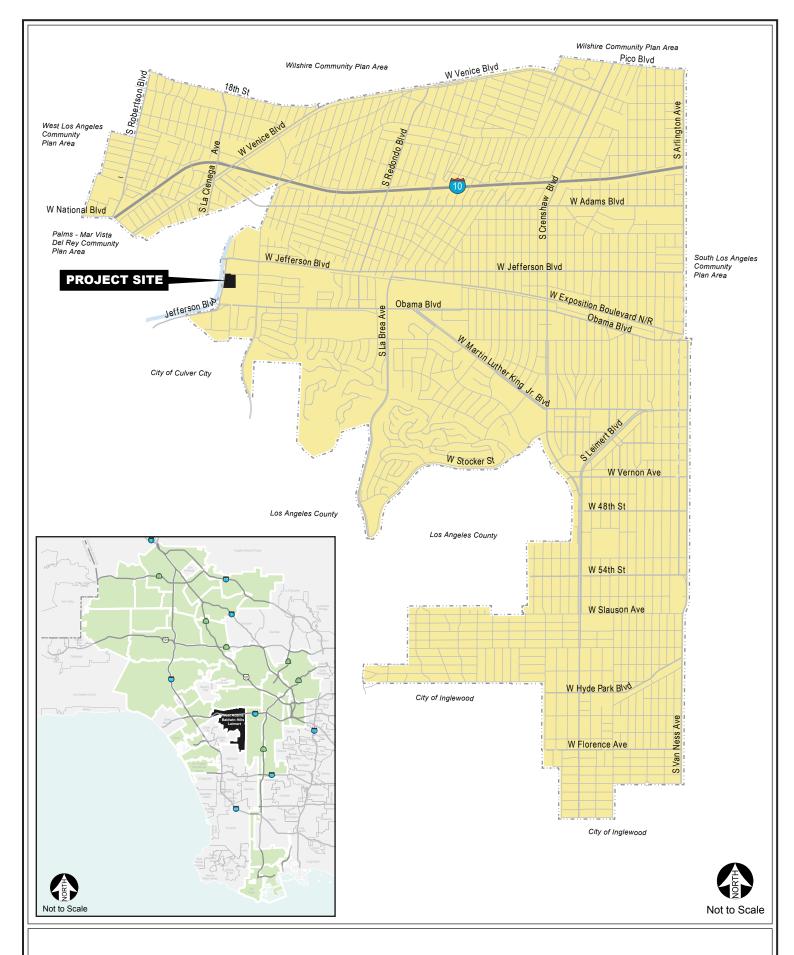


Figure 1-1 Regional Location

Source: Los Angeles Department of City Planning, 2016.

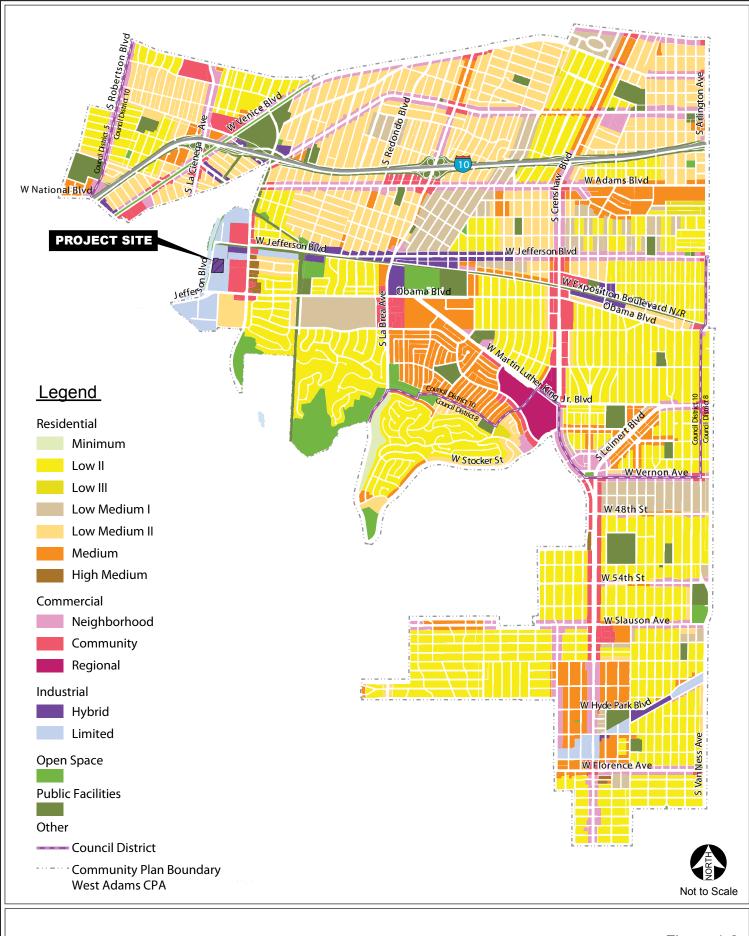


Figure 1-2 Community Plan Land Use Designations



Figure 1-3 Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea Boundary Map

# 1.3 Project (Addendum)

## 1.3.1 Project Setting

The current Project is an update to a property within the Approved Project area located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard (Project Site) that is approximately 197,412 square feet (approximately 4.53 acres) in lot area and is accessible via Jefferson Boulevard. Figure 1-4 provides a regional location map of the Project Site and Figure 1-5 provides an aerial view of the Project Site.

The Project Site is located within the CM-2D-CPIO zone and has a General Plan land use designation of Hybrid Industrial. The Project Site is located within the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea of the CPIO District. This Subarea identifies specific blocks surrounding the Metro Expo Line, La Cienega/Jefferson Station, and provides specific use limitations, development standards, and streetscape guidelines for projects to facilitate Transit Oriented Development (TOD). This Subarea identifies parcels where a range of development heights and intensities are permitted. The Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea advances the creation of an employment destination outside of the City Center where a mix of uses that feature emerging and innovative commercial, office, "clean-tech," "information technology," and other "high tech" uses can locate in proximity to existing and future residences within a medium to high intensity transit hub.

#### 1.3.2 Project Description

Specifically, the Applicant is proposing to redevelop a portion of the Project Site by replacing the existing surface parking area with an approximately 344,947 square foot office building that is approximately 320 feet (22 stories) in height. Approximately 908 vehicle parking spaces would be provided in four subterranean parking levels and limited surface parking, and the 5850 Project would also include approximately 104 bicycle parking spaces (including 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 35 short-term bicycle parking spaces). The existing approximately 49,877 square foot media production building would remain on-site. Upon completion, the Project Site would include approximately 394,824 square feet of floor area.

The 5850 Project<sup>2</sup> plans are provided in Figures 1-6 through 1-20, elevations are provided in Figures 1-21 through 1-24, sections are provided in Figures 1-25 and 1-26, and a conceptual view is provided in Figure 1-27.

#### Design

The design of the 5850 Project is comprised of four components (see Figure 1-28). The first built component is the four levels of subterranean parking, and the second is composed of four

A portion of the surface parking (approximately 26 spaces) for the existing building would remain with development of the 5850 Project.

Throughout this Addendum, the current Project will be referred to as the 5850 Project.

on-grade, green-roofed office spaces – one at each of the four corners of the Project Site. The third component, the base, contains three floors with a trussed perimeter, designed to accommodate large horizontal expanses of flexible office, meeting, and production uses, located centrally within the base. The fourth component, the tower, emerges vertically from the base. It begins with a circular plan at a 49-foot height, and evolves in shape to a simple rectangular plan at a roof deck top. Each floor perimeter differs slightly from the adjacent floors above and below as the tower gradually transitions from round to rectangular. Stairs, elevators, bathrooms, and mechanical equipment are contained in the two vertical cores, which begin in the garage, pass through the base, and emerge from the curtain wall as external elements as the tower ascends.

Further, the design of the 5850 Project incorporates a green roof located at grade over the subterranean parking with extensive landscaping (approximately 47,854 square feet) in the form of a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and pedestrian paths culminate on the Project Site with a park venue that surrounds the building and roofs. The landscape plan is provided in Figure 1-29.

The 5850 Project enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with all parking provided in four subterranean levels and limited surface parking, rather than an above-grade parking podium. This design allows for a park-like setting and lush green inviting spaces for users of the Project Site, as well as the community in general. The pedestrian and streetscape design is further enhanced by the tower design, which occupies only approximately 28 percent of the Project Site. Approximately 51 percent of the Project Site will be open space, in the form of extensive landscaping, seating and gathering areas, and pedestrian paths that result in a park-like venue surrounding the building. As a result, the 5850 Project design promotes both pedestrian and transit connectivity, consistent with the Project Site's location in a Transit Priority Area.

#### **Access**

Access to the Project Site would be provided from Jefferson Boulevard via two private driveways. One existing driveway, on the northern portion of the Project Site, would be used for access to the loading area. The second driveway would be located at the southern portion of the Project Site, and would include a new signalized intersection.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Sustainability Features**

The 5850 Project would comply with the Los Angeles Green Building Code (LAGBC), which is based on the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code (CalGreen) (Part 11 of Title 24, California Code of Regulations). In addition, each entrance of the building is framed by an outdoor courtyard flanked by landscaped mounds that widen and slope up to 18 feet at the façade of the base of the building. The mounds provide sun and wind protection near building entrances. The street trees all along the west edge and trees along the north and east edges of

Access to the existing building and a portion of surface parking on the Project Site would remain with development of the 5850 Project.

the building provide additional shade on the Project Site. There is an existing full-height hedge along the south property line that provides additional protection. Green roof spaces cover the subterranean parking structure, and portions of the ground level to reduce heat gain within the building and heat island effect on the Project Site.

#### Construction

#### Schedule

The anticipated construction schedule is approximately 30 months, with the 5850 Project becoming operational in 2023. It is expected that approximately 214,991 cubic yards of dirt would be exported from the Project Site. Table 1.3-1, below, summarizes the 30-month construction schedule used in this Addendum.

Table 1.3-1
Estimated Construction Schedule

Phase	Duration	
Demolition	Months 1-2	
Grading	Months 3-8	
Building Construction	Months 9-30	
Paving	Months 28-29	
Architectural Coatings	Months 24-29	
Source: DKA Planning, 2019		

#### Haul Route

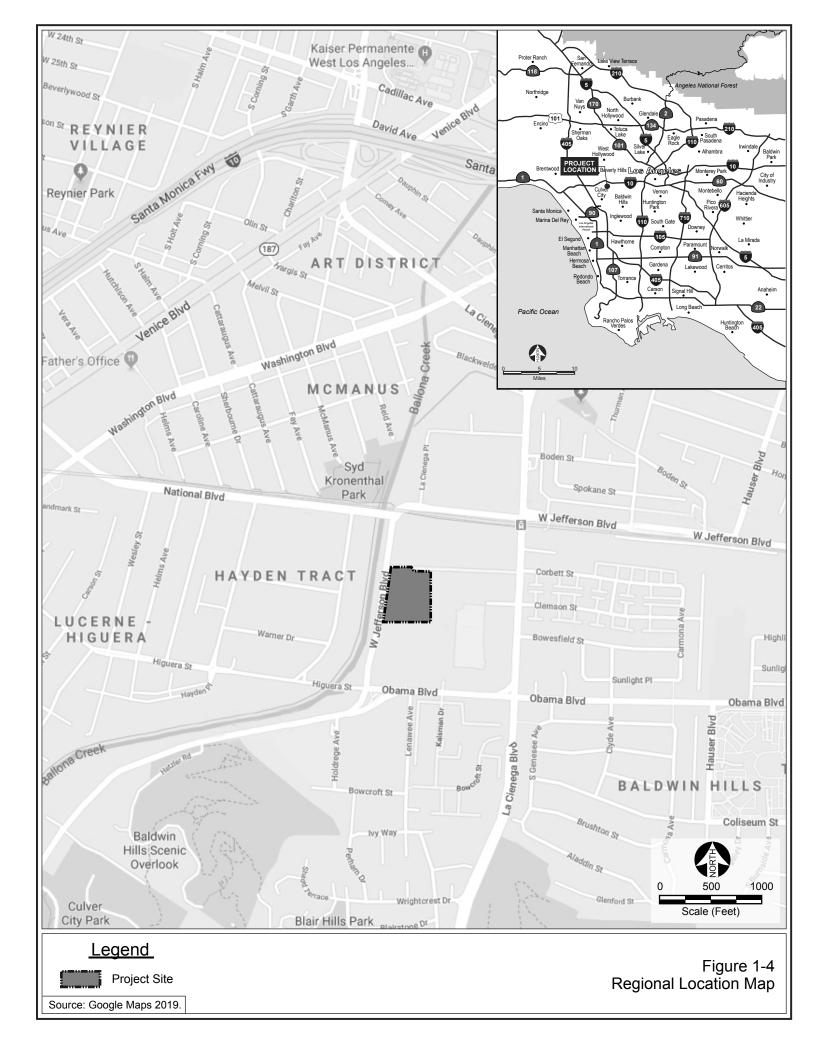
Trucks traveling to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill from the Project Site would exit the Project Site and turn right onto Jefferson Boulevard, left on La Cienega Boulevard, slight right onto Fairfax Avenue, and left onto the I-10 westbound on-ramp. For trucks returning to the Project Site from the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, trucks would exit the I-10 eastbound at the Fairfax Avenue off-ramp, turn right onto Fairfax Avenue, left on La Cienega Boulevard, right on Jefferson Boulevard, and left into the Project Site. The proposed haul routes are shown in Figures 1-30 and 1-31.

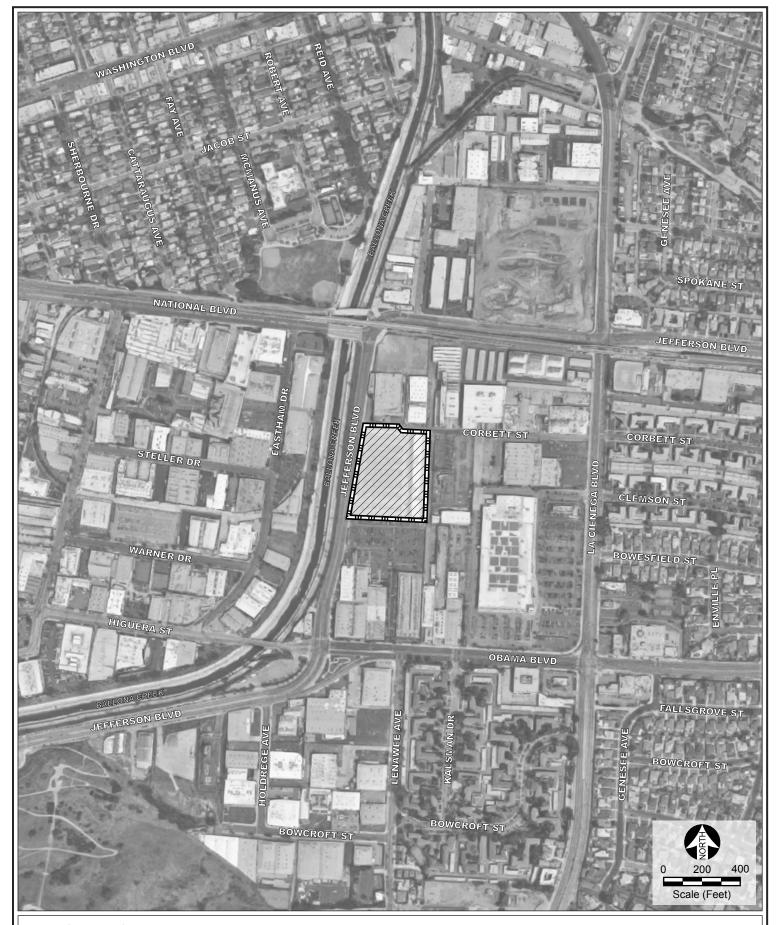
# 1.3.3 Discretionary Actions and Approvals for the 5850 Project

- 1. Pursuant to LAMC Sections 12.32 and 13.14, an Amendment to the West Adams Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO Amendment), to amend provisions applicable to Parcel E only with regards to maximum building height and maximum individual floor height in CPIO Sections V-2(A)(1)(c) and V-2(A)(1)(e). The maximum building height proposed is 320 feet, and the maximum individual floor height proposed is up to 37 feet with atrium space up to 52 feet in height;
- Pursuant to LAMC Section 12.24.X.22, a Zoning Administrator Determination regarding transitional height to exceed the height limit of 61 feet within 100 to 199 feet of an OS zone;

- 3. Pursuant to **LAMC Section 16.05**, a **Site Plan Review** for the addition of over 50,000 square feet of non-residential floor area;
- 4. Pursuant to **LAMC Section 12.37.I**, Waiver of Street Dedication and/or Improvement for the Bureau of Engineering requested dedication along West Jefferson Boulevard and any revocable permit or street vacation that may be deemed necessary;
- 5. Approval of a haul route;
- 6. Subdivision of the Project Site, including a tract map, parcel map, and/or lot line adjustment;
- 7. Construction permits, including building, grading, excavation, foundation, temporary street closures, and associated permits; and
- 8. Approval of a CPIO Administrative Clearance and other discretionary and ministerial permits and approvals that may be deemed necessary.

Other than as described above, the 5850 Project would not change any of the land uses and development parameters with respect to any other aspect of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert New Community Plan. All applicable mitigation measures, regulatory measures, and conditions of approval under the Approved Project (Certified EIR) would remain in effect for the 5850 Project.





Legend

Pro

Project Site

Source: Google Maps 2019.

Figure 1-5 Aerial Map

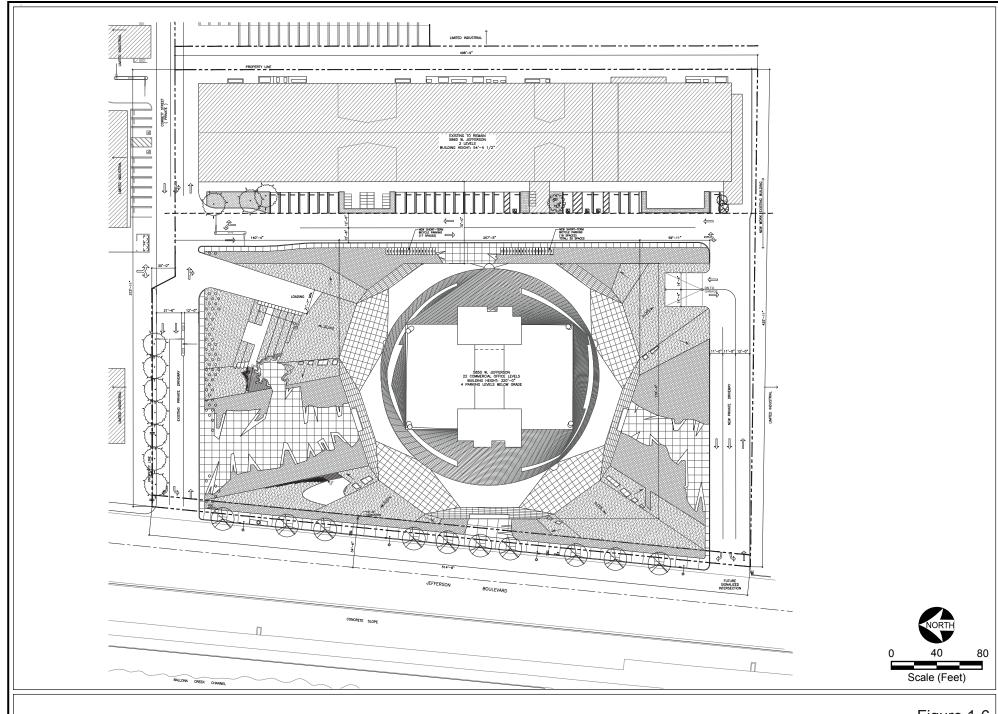


Figure 1-6 Plot Plan

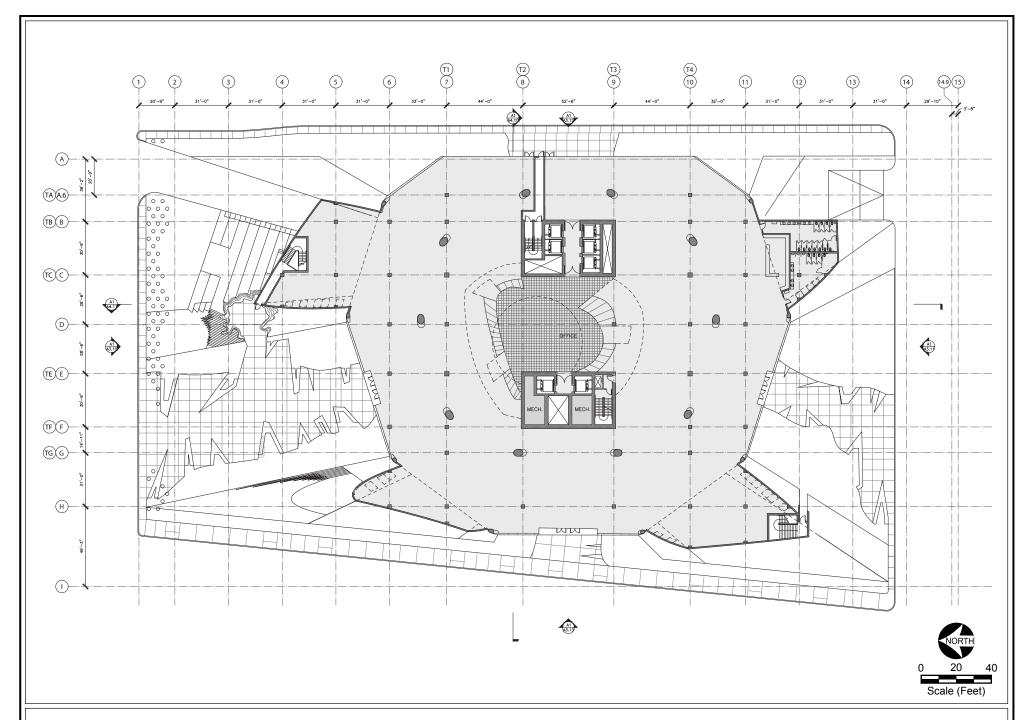


Figure 1-7 Level 1

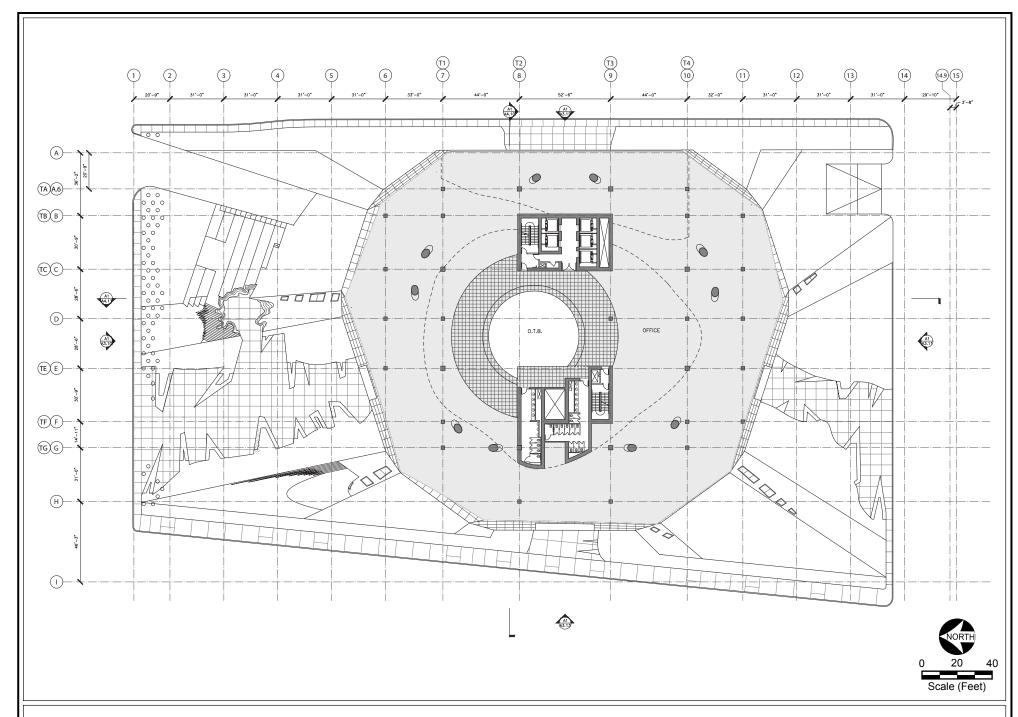


Figure 1-8 Level 2

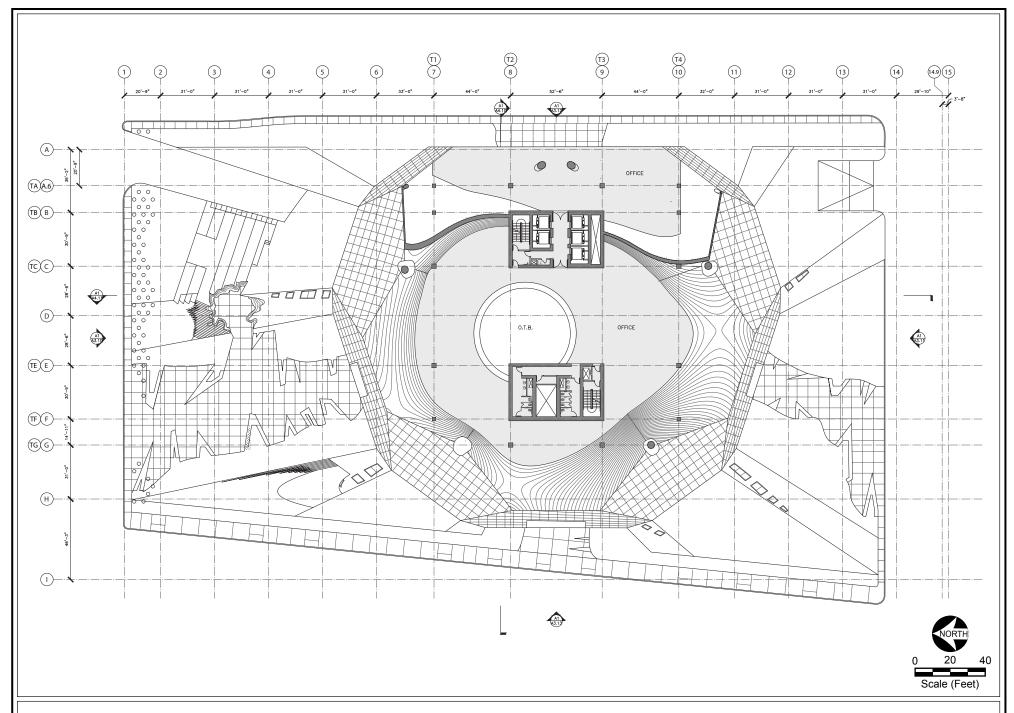


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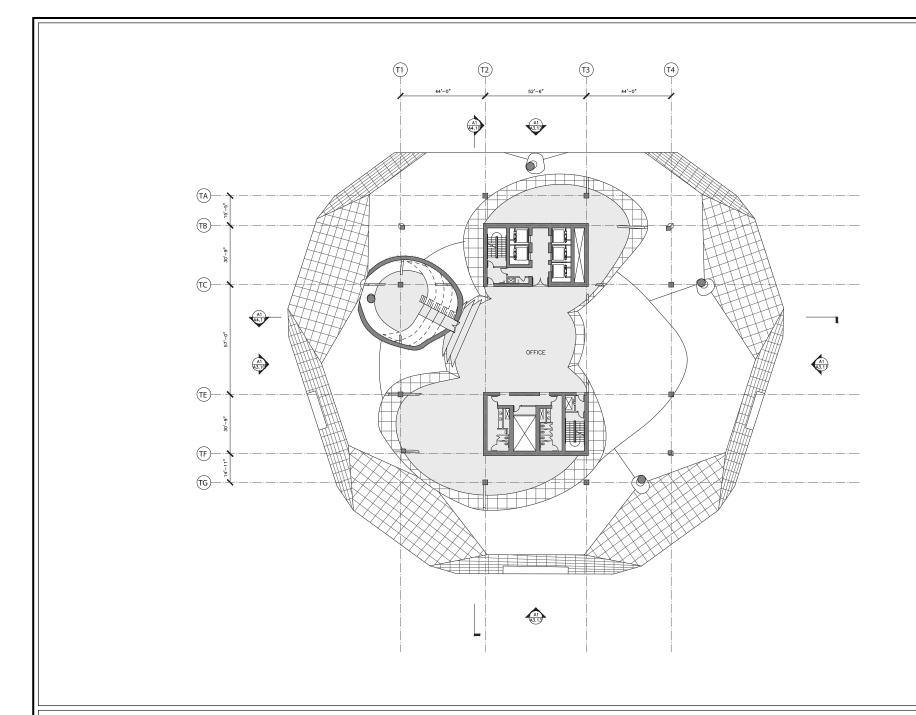




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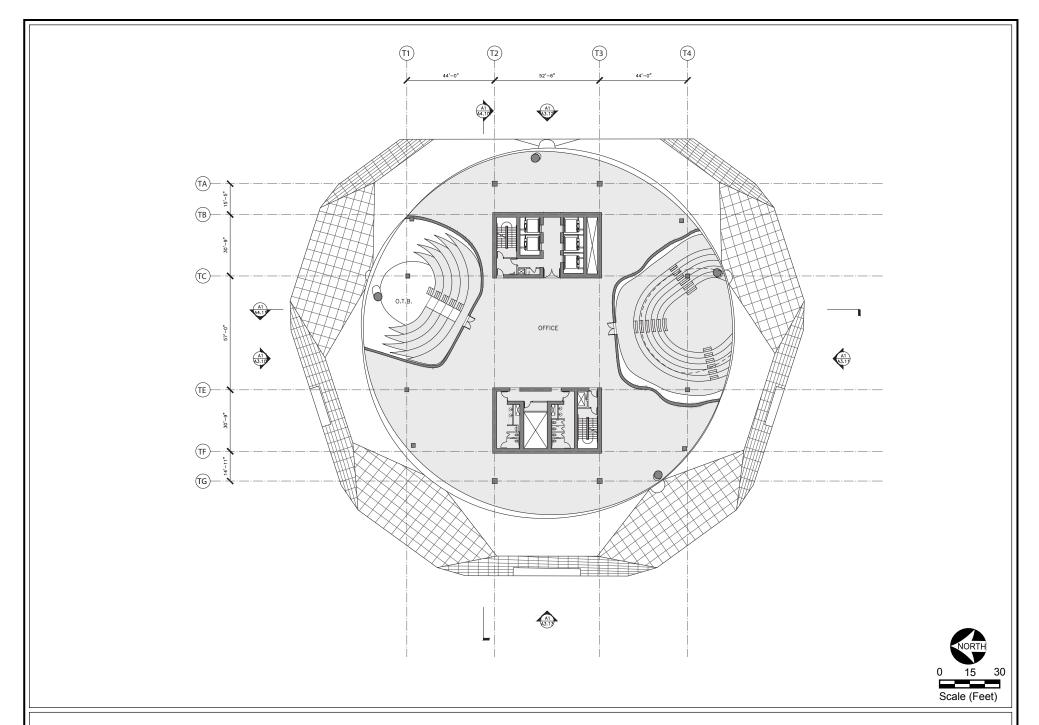
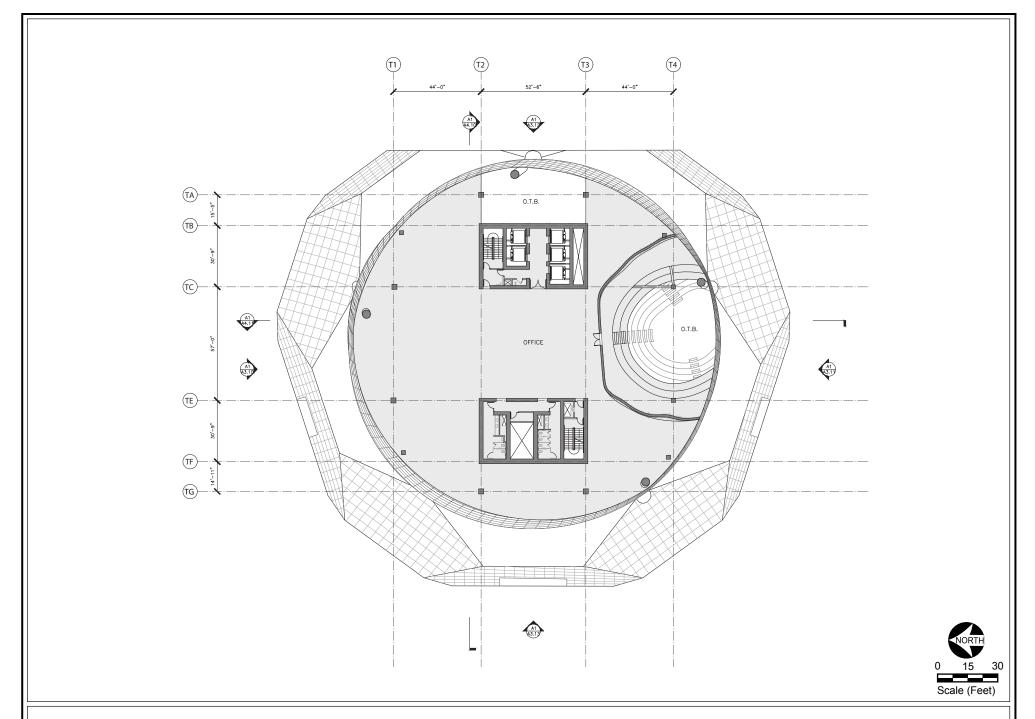
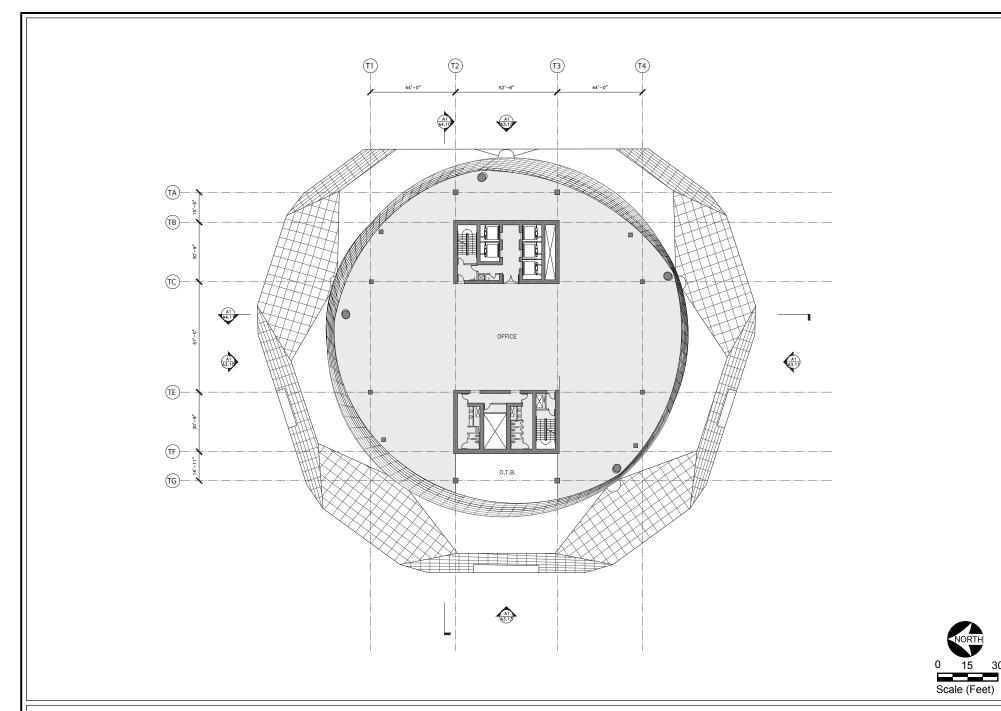


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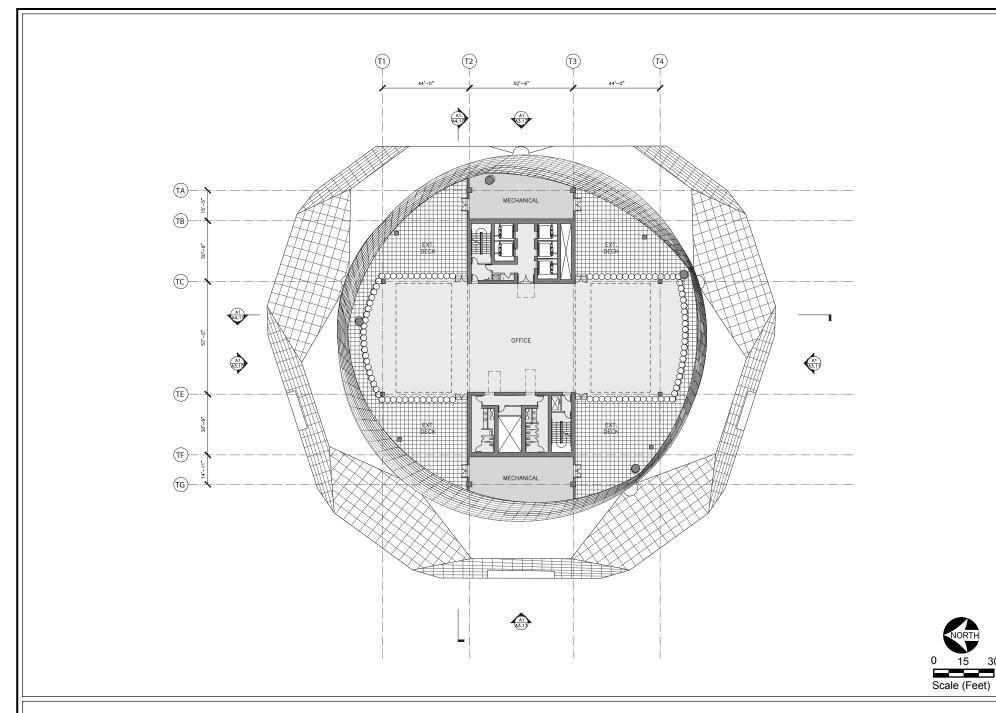


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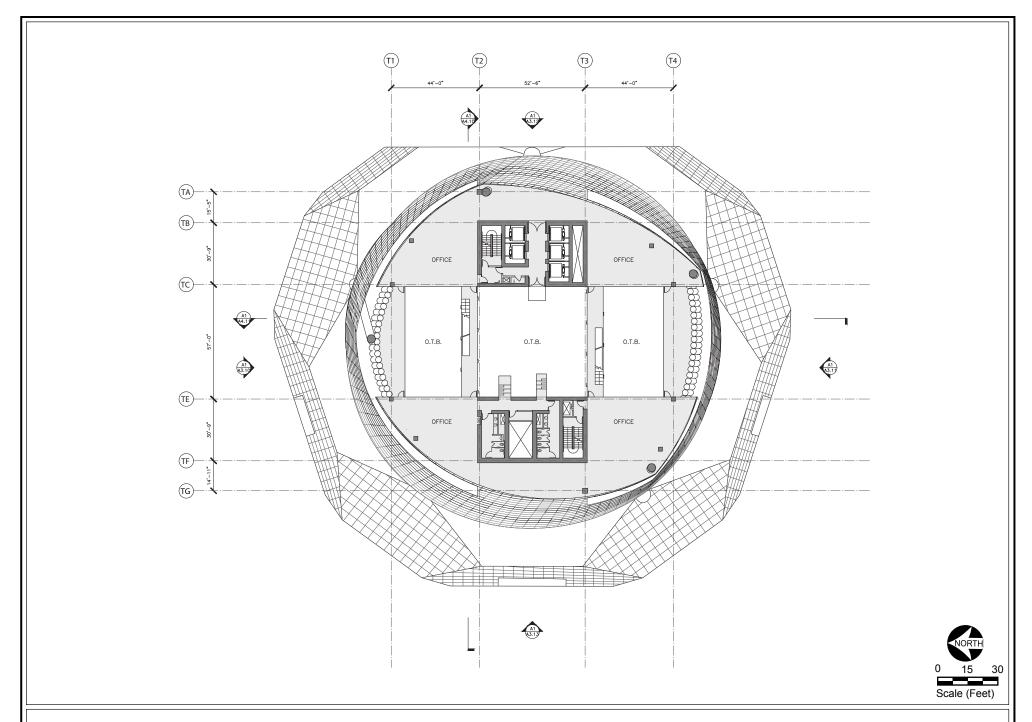


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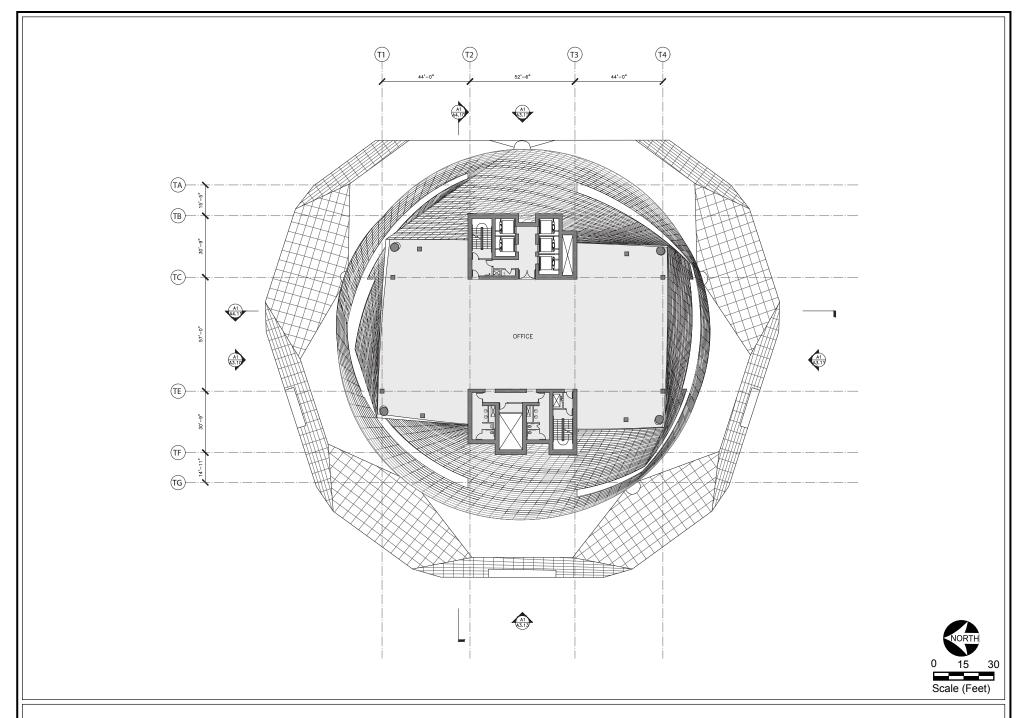


Figure 1-16 Typical Level (Levels 11-21)

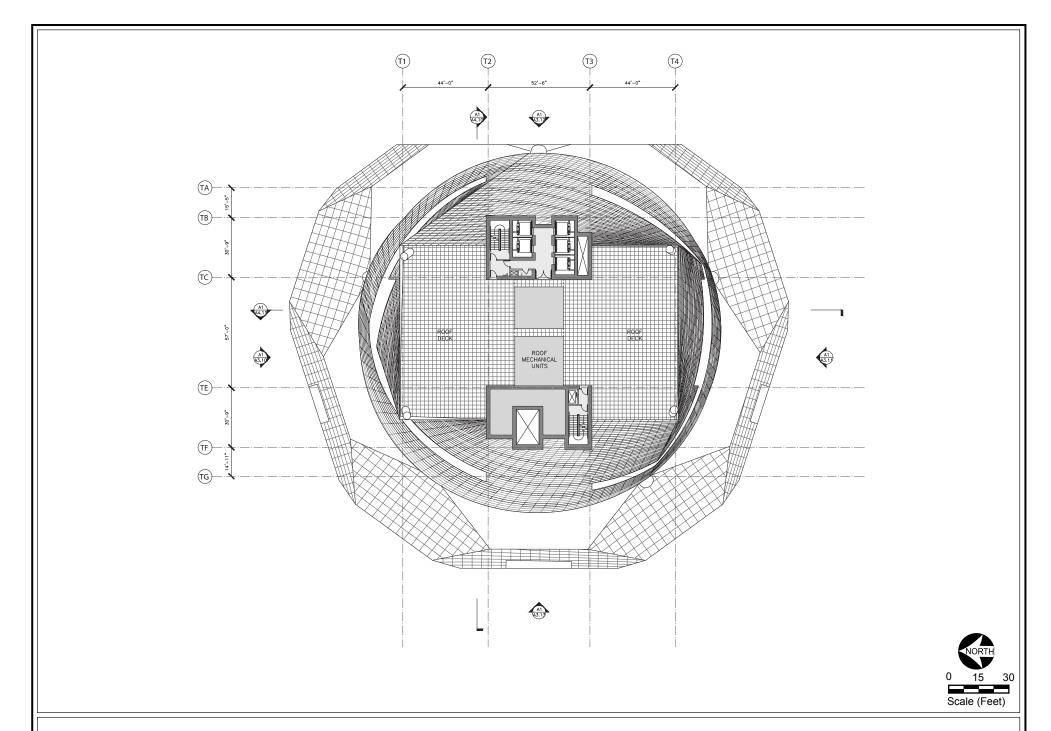


Figure 1-17 Level 22 (Roof)

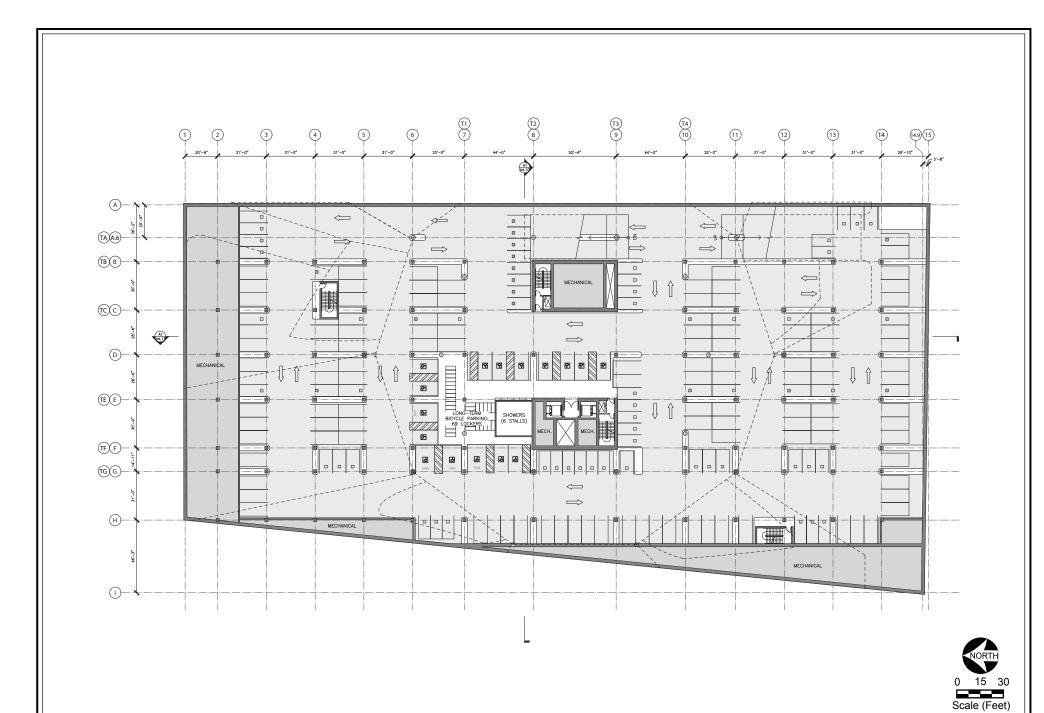


Figure 1-18 Basement 1

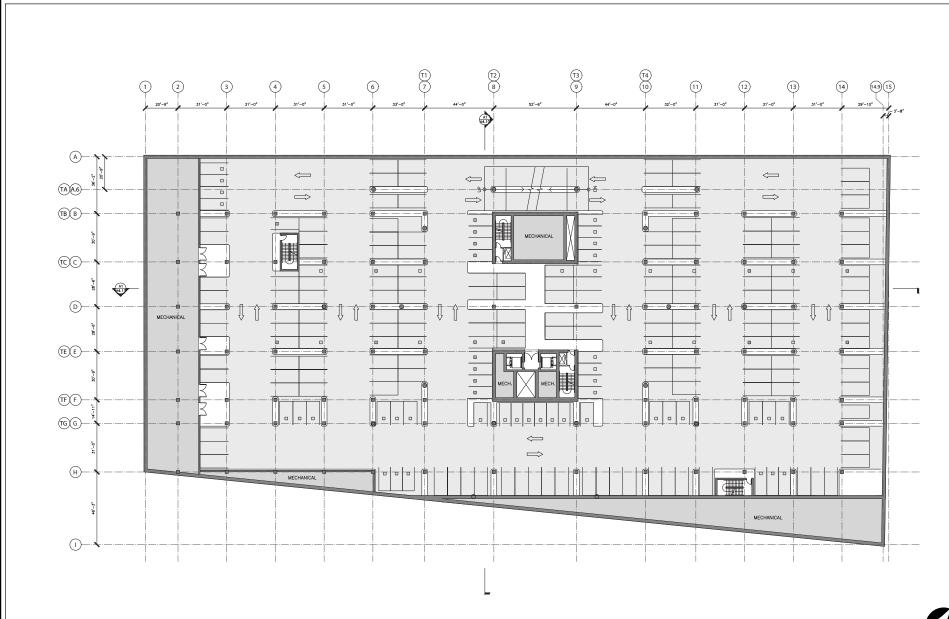




Figure 1-19 Basement 2

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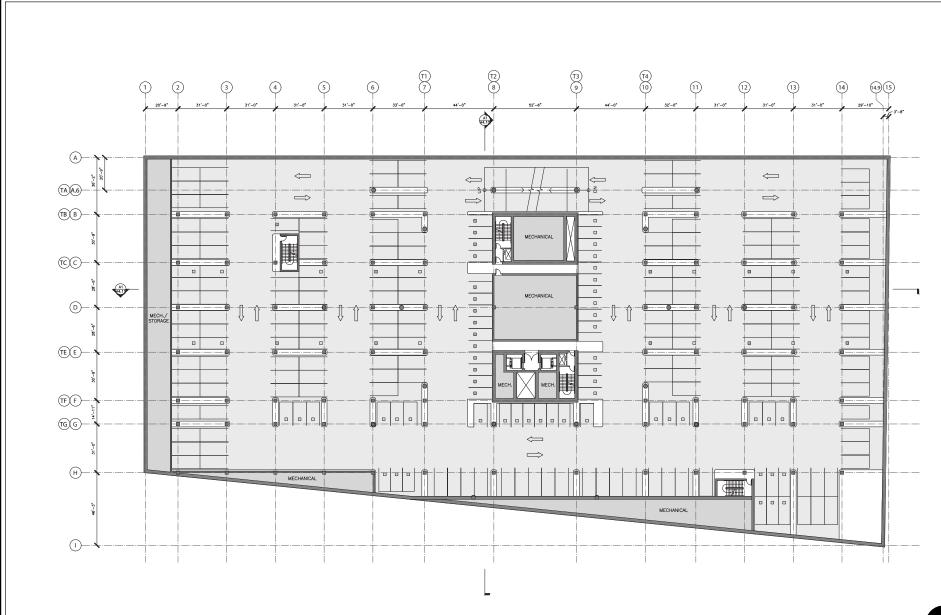
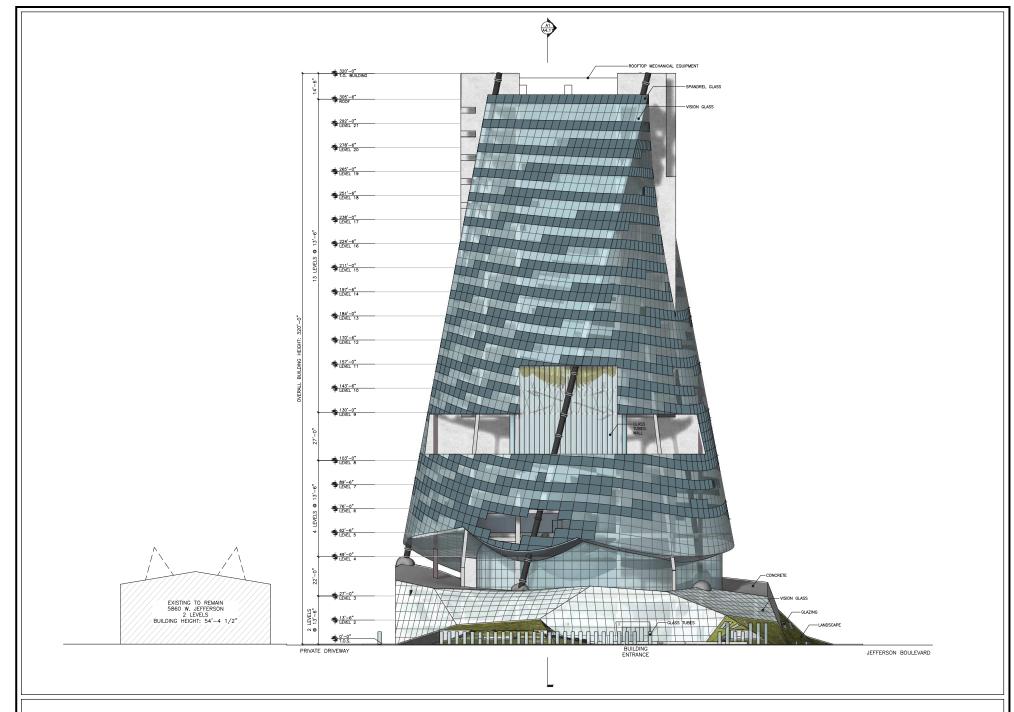
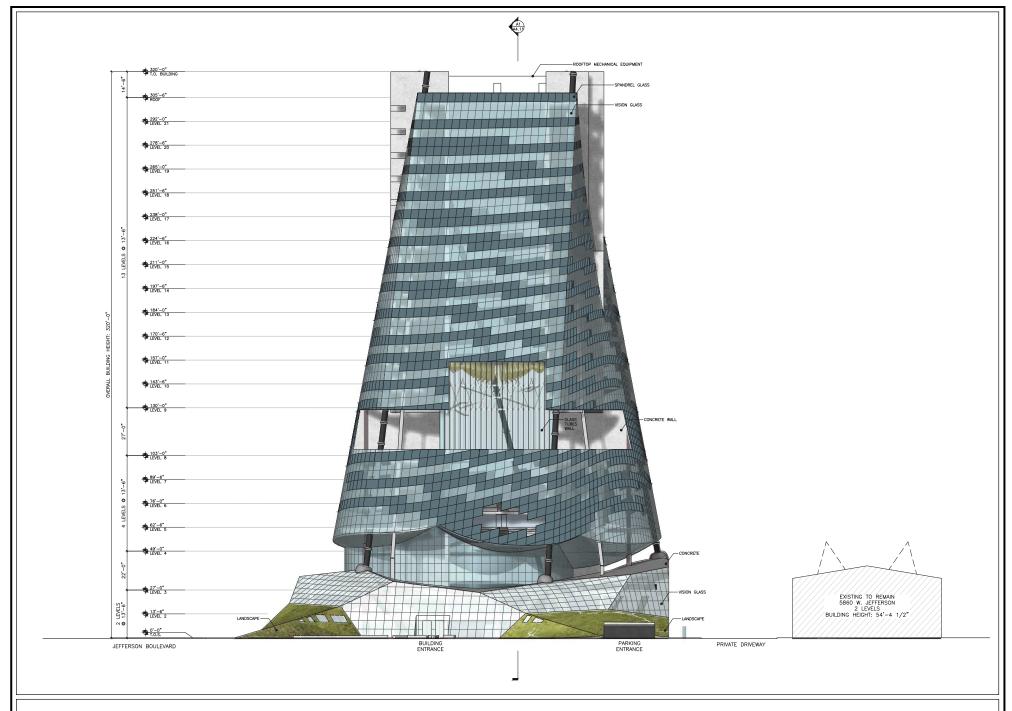




Figure 1-20 Basement 3-4





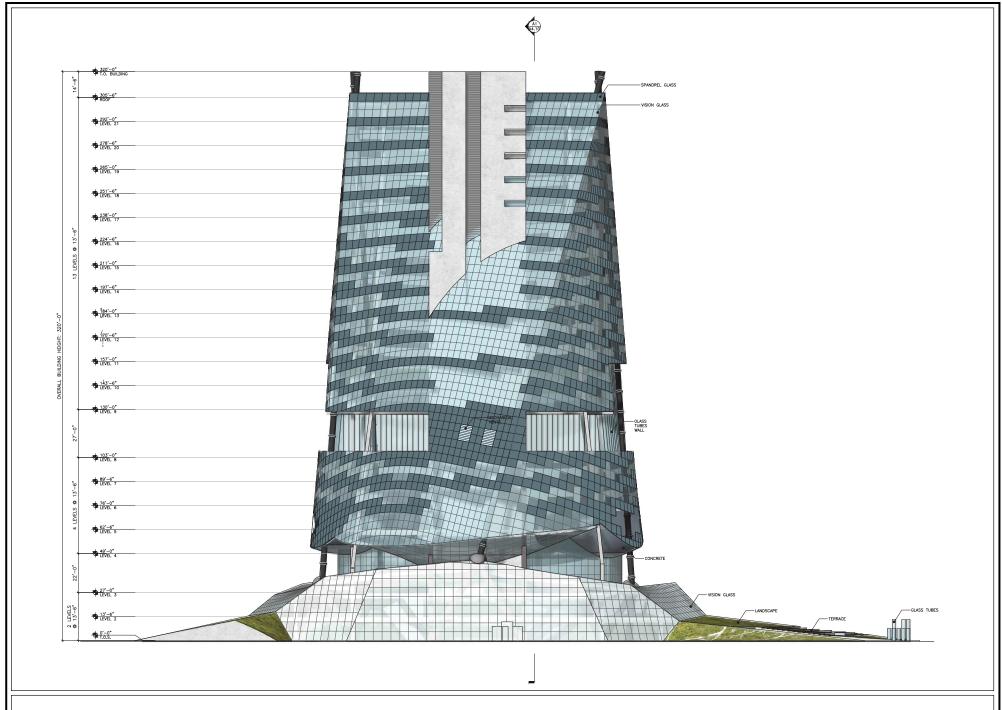
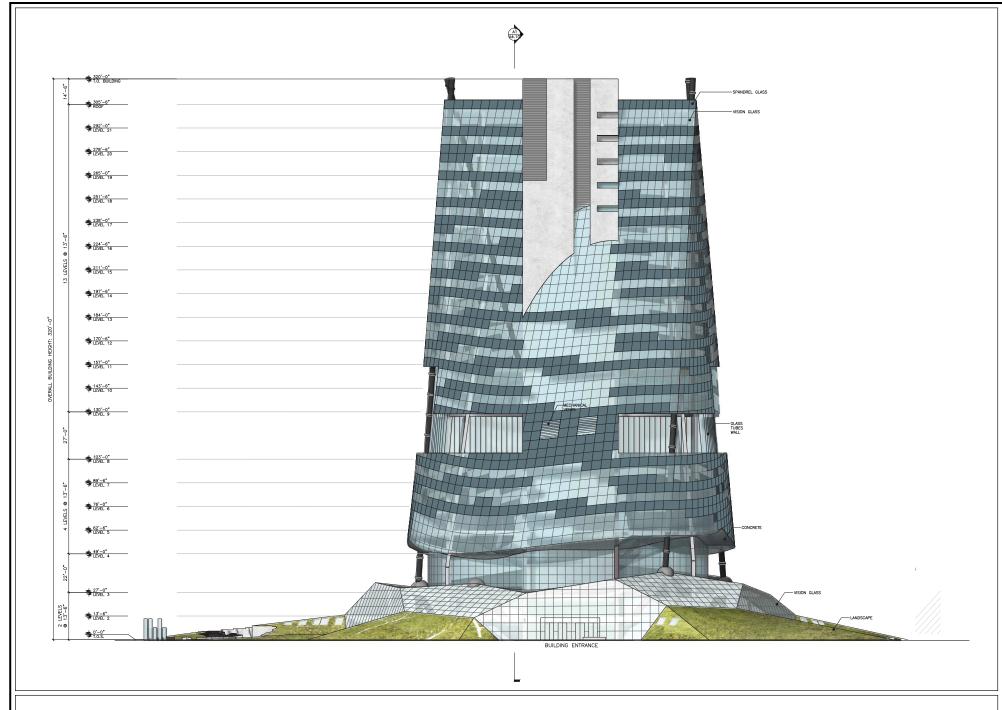
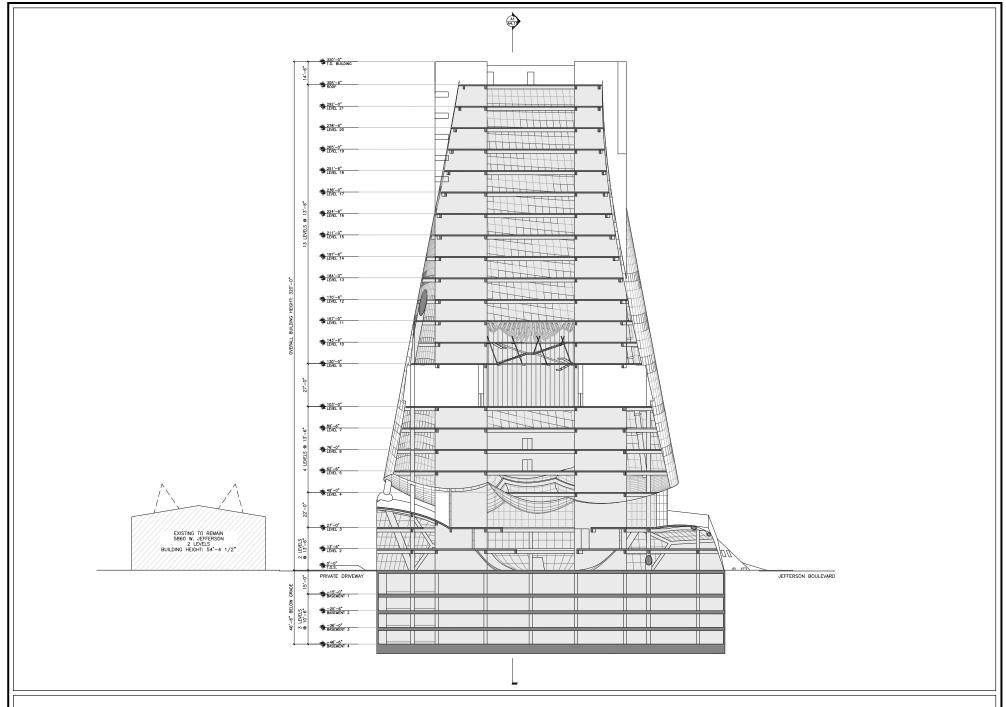


Figure 1-23 East Elevation





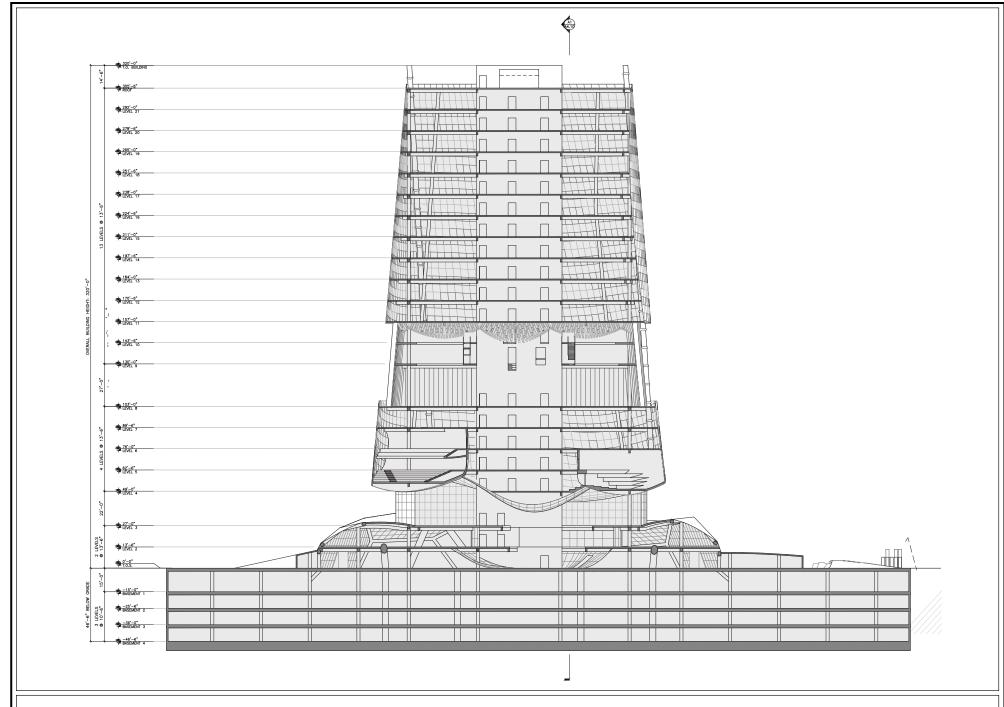




Figure 1-27 Conceptual View

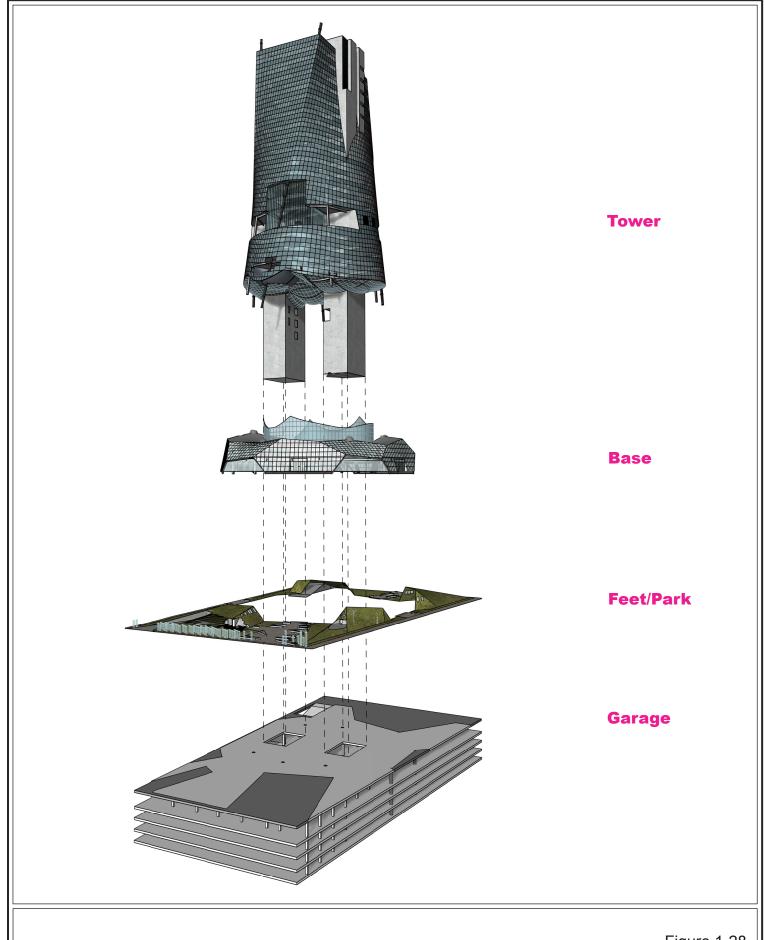
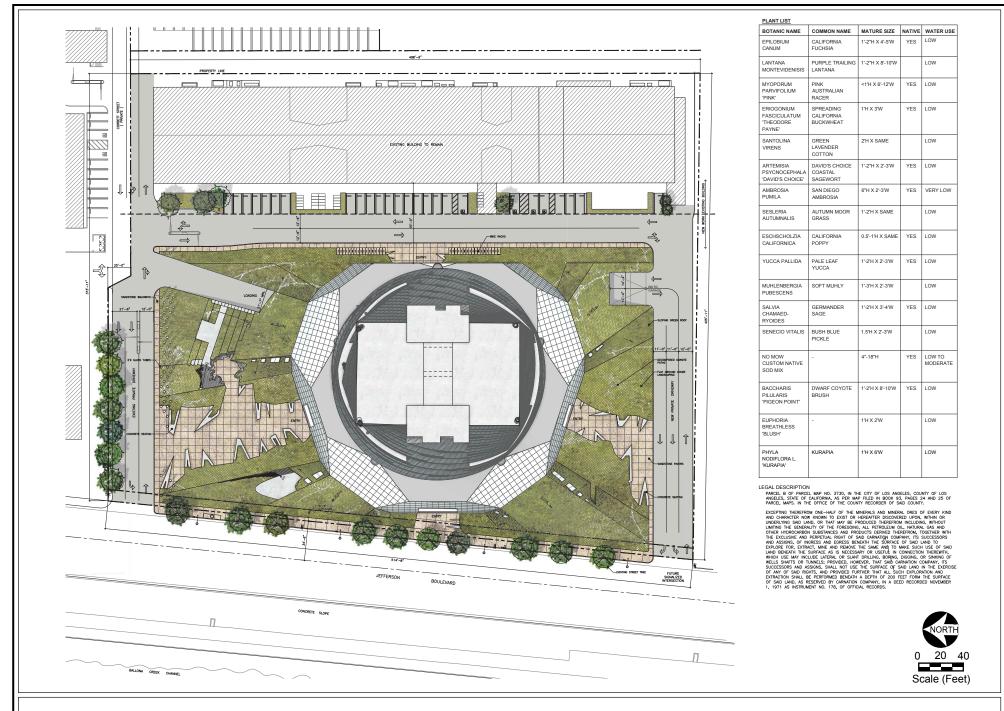


Figure 1-28 Four Project Components

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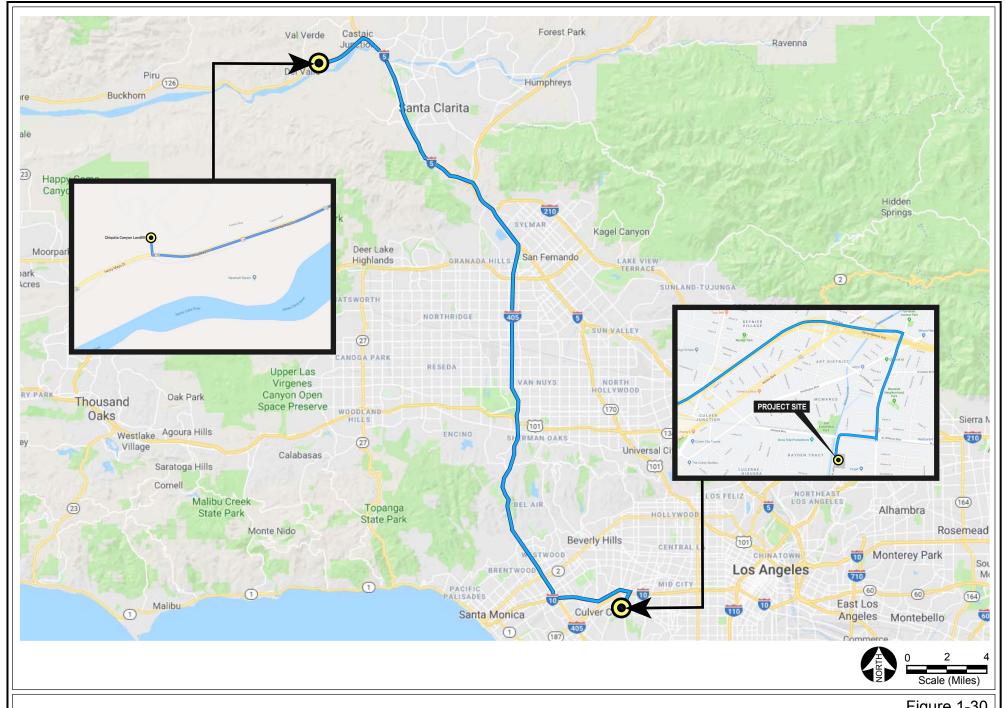


Figure 1-30 Haul Route to Chiquita Canyon Landfill 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic CA 91384

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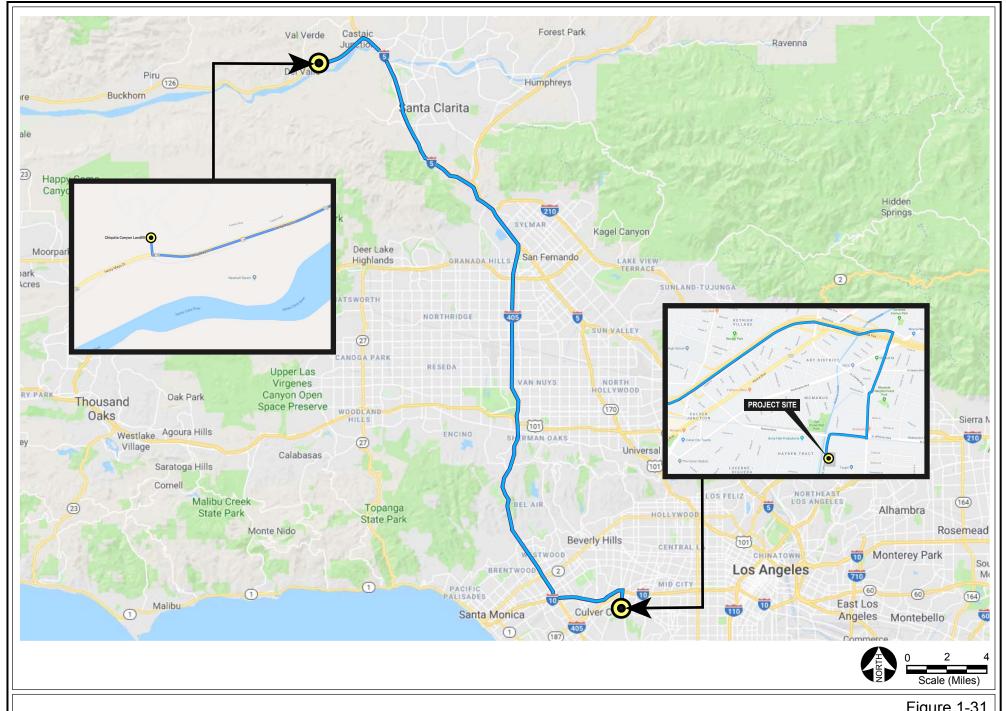


Figure 1-31 Haul Route to Project Site 5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90016

Source: Google Maps, 2019.

# 2. Regulatory Framework

# 2.1 Addendum to an EIR and Negative Declaration

Section 15164 of the CEQA Guidelines provides the authority for preparing an addendum to a previously certified EIR or adopted negative declaration. Specifically, Section 15164 states the following:

- (a) The lead agency or responsible agency shall prepare an addendum to a previously certified EIR if some changes or additions are necessary but none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.
- (b) An addendum to an adopted negative declaration may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration have occurred.
- (c) An addendum need not be circulated for public review but can be included in or attached to the final EIR or adopted negative declaration.
- (d) The decision-making body shall consider the addendum with the final EIR or adopted negative declaration prior to making a decision on the project.
- (e) A brief explanation of the decision not to prepare a subsequent EIR pursuant to Section 15162 should be included in an addendum to an EIR, the lead agency's findings on the project, or elsewhere in the record. The explanation must be supported by substantial evidence.

# 2.2 Purpose of this Analysis

Because the proposed changes to the Approved Project do not meet the conditions described in Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines<sup>4</sup>, the City determined that an Addendum to the previously adopted EIR is the appropriate documentation to address the proposed revisions.

The proper standard of review for addenda following an EIR approval is for substantial evidence.<sup>5</sup> CEQA Guidelines Section 15164 validly establishes an addendum process that is consistent with the CEQA statute.<sup>6</sup>

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Changes to a project for which an EIR has been adopted can trigger the requirement for additional CEQA-related analysis. Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines describes the circumstances for when a subsequent EIR or negative declaration is required. The environmental impacts associated with the Approved Project were addressed in the previously adopted EIR. For the reasons discussed below, the proposed changes to the Approved Project would not result in any new significant impacts and would not increase the severity of the previously identified significant impacts. Thus, the proposed changes to the Approved Project do not constitute "substantial changes" that would require "major revisions" to the EIR due to new or increased impacts (refer to Section 15162 (a)(1)). Additionally, the "circumstances under which the project" would be undertaken are no different than described in the EIR (refer to Section 15162(a)(2)). Further, the proposed changes to the Project do not represent "new information of substantial importance" that would result in new or increased significant impacts not already identified in the EIR (refer to Section 15162(a)(3)). For these reasons, a subsequent EIR to address this new information is NOT required.

The environmental analysis presented below for the 5850 Project demonstrates that the proposed changes will not create new or increased significant environmental impacts beyond those already identified in the previously adopted EIR.

The Los Angeles Department of City Planning (Department) has prepared this analysis to determine whether the Addendum to the EIR is in accordance with CEQA and the California CEQA Guidelines.

Specifically, the scope of this analysis evaluates the 5850 Project to determine if it will 1) involve substantial changes that would result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of significant effects previously identified in the Certified EIR; 2) involve substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project would be undertaken that would result in new significant environmental effects or the substantial increase in the severity of effects previously identified in the Certified EIR; or 3) involve new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified. This analysis supports use of the Addendum, which has been prepared in accordance with relevant provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (as amended) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

This analysis has determined that there are no new significant environmental effects and no substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. Furthermore, there are no known mitigation measures or alternatives that were previously considered infeasible but are now considered feasible that would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment previously identified in the EIR. Therefore, neither a subsequent EIR nor a supplemental EIR, as defined under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 and 15163, respectively, is required. An Addendum to the adopted EIR, as permitted under Section 15164, is appropriate.

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Friends of the College of San Mateo Gardens v. San Mateo County Community College District (2017) 11 Cal. App.5th 596.

Save Our Heritage Organisation v. City of San Diego (The Plaza de Panama Committee, Real Party in Interest) (2018) 28 Cal.App.5th 656.

# 3. Revisions to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines

# 3.1 Introduction

The California Natural Resources Agency adopted revisions to the CEQA Guidelines that became effective on December 28, 2018, which was adopted after preparation of the Certified EIR. The revisions to the CEQA Guidelines were adopted largely to create efficiencies and to align the CEQA Guidelines with California appellate court and Supreme Court decisions. The revisions that are most applicable to the EIR are those associated with changes to Appendix G.

Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines contains a sample initial study format. The purpose of an initial study is to assist lead agencies in determining whether a project may cause a significant impact on the environment. To help guide that determination, Appendix G asks a series of questions in the form of a checklist regarding a range of environmental resources and potential impacts. The City uses Appendix G in their EIRs to demonstrate that a project would not result in significant impacts on the environment that cannot be mitigated.

When the Appendix G checklist was originally developed, it contained only a handful of questions. Over time, the list of questions has grown in response to increasing awareness of the effects of development on the environment. Currently, the sample checklist contains 89 questions divided into 20 categories of potential impacts.

# 3.2 Modifications to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines

The revisions to Appendix G were adopted largely to reduce redundancy, provide additional clarity, and to align Appendix G with California appellate court and Supreme Court decisions and changes to the Public Resources Code. An overview of the modifications to the Appendix G is provided below by environmental topic. Based on the discussion below, while Appendix G was modified, the modified Appendix G questions that would apply to the 5850 Project have been addressed within the Certified EIR.

## 3.2.1 Aesthetics

Consistent with SB 743, the modifications clarify that the checklist questions regarding aesthetics do not apply to projects that are located in a transit priority area and are defined as set forth in PRC Section 21099. Per SB 743, aesthetic impacts for such projects are less than significant. For those projects that do not meet the definition provided in PRC Section 21099, the modifications provide distinct checklist questions for public views and consistency with zoning regulations governing scenic views, depending upon whether the project is within a non-urbanized or urbanized area. All of the checklist questions as presented in the updated Appendix G checklist are addressed in Section 4.1, Aesthetics, of the Draft EIR. Further, as discussed below, the 5850 Project meets the definition of PRC 21099 and as such, aesthetic impacts associated with the 5850 Project are less than significant.

## 3.2.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

These checklist questions were not updated as part of the modifications and are responded to in the Section 4.2, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.3 Air Quality

These checklist questions were modified to delete Checklist Question III.b regarding violation of air quality standards and to modify the question regarding odors. All of the checklist questions as presented in the updated Appendix G checklist are addressed in Section 4.3, Air Quality, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.4 Biological Resources

Checklist Question IV.c has been modified to remove the reference to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This modification does not affect the analysis of biological resources provided in Section 4.4, Biological Resources, of the Draft EIR.

#### 3.2.5 Cultural Resources

These modifications consist of a minor word change to Checklist Question V.a and moving Checklist Question V.c from the cultural resources subsection to the geology subsection of Appendix G. Impacts to cultural resources are addressed in Section 4.5, Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.6 Energy

The modifications include creating a separate subsection for energy, and also incorporating language from Appendix F of the CEQA Guidelines. These added checklist questions have already been addressed in Section 4.16, Utilities and Service Systems, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.7 Geology and Soils

These checklist questions have been modified to focus on both the direct and indirect impacts associated with geology and soils and to move the analysis of paleontological resources to this topic (from the cultural resources section). Impacts to geology and soils are fully addressed in Section 4.6, Geology and Soils, of the Draft EIR. Further, impacts with respect to paleontological resources are addressed in Section 4.5, Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR.

#### 3.2.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

These checklist questions were not changed as part of the modifications and are addressed in Section 4.7, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

These checklist questions were revised to delete Checklist Question VIII.f regarding safety hazards associated with proximity to a private airstrip and to clarify that Checklist Question VIII.g (formerly Checklist Question VIII.h) includes both direct or indirect impacts associated with wildland fires. All of the checklist questions as presented in the updated Appendix G checklist are addressed in Section 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

These checklist questions were revised to provide clarification and eliminate redundancy. All of the topics in these checklist questions, including those related to water quality, groundwater, flooding, and flood hazards, are thoroughly addressed in Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.11 Land Use and Planning

Checklist Question X.b has been revised to focus on conflicts with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect. Checklist Question X.c has been deleted, as it addressed habitat conservation plans, which are already addressed under the biological resources checklist questions. An analysis of the Project's consistency with land use plans, policies, and regulations is provided in Section 4.10, Land Use and Planning, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.12 Mineral Resources

These questions were not updated as part of the modifications and are responded to in Section 4.11, Mineral Resources, of the Draft EIR.

#### 3.2.13 Noise

Checklist Questions XII.a and XII.b were revised to focus on impacts associated with the generation of noise and vibration noise levels. In addition, Checklist Questions XII.c, XII.d, and XII.f were deleted, as they were redundant, and Checklist Question XII.e was revised accordingly. The topics associated with these modified questions are fully addressed in Section 4.12, Noise, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.14 Population and Housing

Checklist Question XIII.a was clarified to focus on potential impacts associated with unplanned growth, and Checklist Questions XIII.b and XIII.c were combined. The topics in these modified questions are fully addressed in Section 4.13, Population, Housing, and Employment, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.15 Public Services

These checklist questions were not updated as part of the modifications and are responded to in Sections 4.14, Public Services, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.16 Recreation

These questions were not updated as part of the modifications and are responded to in Section 4.14, Pubic Services, of the Draft EIR.

## 3.2.17 Transportation

Checklist Questions XVI.a and XVI.f were combined and clarified to focus on conflicts with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system. Checklist Question XVI.c regarding airport traffic safety was eliminated, as airport traffic safety is already addressed under the hazards questions. Former Checklist Question XVI.d (now Checklist Question XVI.c) was revised to add "geometric" for clarity. All of the topics in these questions were addressed in Section 4.15, Transportation and Traffic, of the Draft EIR.

In addition, Checklist Question XVI.b was revised to address consistency with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3, subdivision (b), which relates to use of vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as the methodology for evaluating traffic impacts. The City adopted a VMT methodology on July 30, 2019. The traffic analysis prepared for the 5850 Project, and included herein, has therefore been prepared using the City's adopted VMT methodology.

## 3.2.18 Tribal Cultural Resources

Assembly Bill (AB) 52 went into effect on July 1, 2015, and requires that for a project for which a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft EIR was filed on or after July 1, 2015, the lead agency is required to consult with a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a proposed project, if: (1) the tribe requested to the lead agency, in writing, to be informed by the lead agency of proposed projects in that geographic area; and (2) the tribe requests consultation, prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report for a project. The NOP for the West Adams New Community Plan EIR was released on February 1, 2008, and therefore, the lead agency was not required to comply with the requirements of AB 52. AB 52 also required an update to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines to include questions related to impacts to tribal cultural resources. Changes to Appendix G were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on September 27, 2016. The Final EIR was released in May of 2016, and therefore did not include responses to the updated Appendix G questions related to tribal cultural resources. Nevertheless, the issues related to tribal cultural resources were addressed within Section 4.5, Cultural Resources, of the Draft EIR.

# 3.2.19 Utilities and Service Systems

These checklist questions were revised to reduce redundancy. Specifically, Checklist Question XVIII.a was eliminated, as wastewater treatment was already addressed in former Checklist Question XVIII.e (now Checklist Question XVIII.e). In addition, former Checklist Questions XVIII.b and XVIII.c were combined to address all infrastructure types in one question (now Checklist Question XVIII.a) and to include the addition of telecommunications. Former Checklist

Question XVIII.d regarding water supply was also updated to clarify that the analysis of water supply should include reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years. Former Checklist Questions XVIII.f and XVIII.g regarding solid waste impacts were also clarified.

## 3.2.20 Wildfire

New Checklist Question XX. Wildfire pertains to projects that are located in, or near, state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones. The Project Site is not located in or near state responsibility areas, nor is the Project Site located in a City-designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Therefore, these questions are not applicable to the 5850 Project.

# 4. Environmental Impact Analysis

The information below addresses each of the environmental issues that were previously analyzed within the scope of the previously certified EIR and the recently revised Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The conclusions of the Certified EIR are provided as a reference for each environmental issue area for purpose of describing how the proposed changes would not result in any new significant impacts and would not increase the severity of the significant impacts identified in the Certified EIR.

A Modified Environmental Checklist Form was used to compare the anticipated environmental effects of the 5850 Project with those disclosed in the Certified EIR and to review whether any of the conditions set forth in Public Resources Code, Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162, requiring preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR, have been triggered. This analysis provides the following information as to each of the impact thresholds analyzed in each of the impact categories:

**Impact Determination in the EIR.** This column sets forth the impact determination made in the Certified EIR for each impact threshold.

Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? Pursuant to Section 15162(a)(1) of the CEQA Guidelines, this column indicates whether the changes represented by the current project (the 5850 Project) will result in new significant impacts that have not already been considered and mitigated by the prior environmental review or a substantial increase in the severity of a previously identified impact.

Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts? Pursuant to Section 15162(a)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, this column indicates whether there have been changes to the project site or the vicinity (circumstances under which the project is undertaken) which have occurred subsequent to the prior environmental documents, which would result in the current project having new significant environmental impacts that were not considered in the prior environmental documents or that substantially increase the severity of a previously identified impact.

Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification? Pursuant to Section 15162(a)(3)(A-D) of the CEQA Guidelines, this column indicates whether new information of substantial importance which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous environmental documents were certified as complete is available requiring an update to the analysis of the previous environmental documents to verify that the environmental conclusions and mitigations remain valid. If the new information shows that: (A) the project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the prior environmental documents; or (B) that significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the prior environmental documents; or (C) that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or (D) that mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the prior

environmental documents would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative, then the question would be answered 'Yes' requiring the preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR. However, if the additional analysis completed as part of this environmental review finds that the conclusions of the prior environmental documents remain the same and no new significant impacts are identified, or identified environmental impacts are not found to be more severe, or additional mitigation is not necessary, then the question would be answered 'No' and no additional environmental documentation (supplemental or subsequent EIR) is required. New studies completed as part of this environmental review are attached to this Addendum, or are on file with the Planning Department.

**Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts.** Pursuant to Section 15162(a)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, this column indicates whether the prior environmental document provides mitigation measures to address effects in the related impact category. In some cases, the mitigations have already been implemented. A "yes" response will be provided in either instance. If "No" is indicated, this environmental review concludes that the impact does not occur with this project and therefore no mitigations are needed.

**DISCUSSION AND MITIGATION SECTIONS.** A discussion of the elements of the checklist is provided under each environmental category in order to clarify the answers. The discussion provides information about the particular environmental issue, how the project relates to the issue and the status of any mitigation that may be required or that has already been implemented. Applicable mitigation measures from the prior environmental review that apply to the project are listed under each environmental category.

**Conclusions.** A discussion of the conclusion relating to the analysis contained in each section.

## 4.1 Aesthetics

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)		Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
Pul	STHETICS: Except as provided in blic Resources Code Section 099, would the project:					
(a)	Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b)	Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c)	In non-urbanized area, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality?	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	No	No	No	No
(d)	Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	Yes

In 2013, Governor Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown signed SB 743. Among other things, SB 743 adds PRC Section 21099, which provides that "aesthetic and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project on an infill site within a transit priority area shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment." PRC Section 21099 defines a "transit priority area" as an area within 0.5 mile of a major transit stop that is "existing or planned, if the planned stop is scheduled to be completed within the planning horizon included in a Transportation Improvement Program adopted pursuant to Section 450.216 or 450.322 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations," and an "employment center project" as "a project located on property zoned for commercial uses with a floor area ratio of no less than 0.75 and that is located within a transit priority area." PRC Section 21064.3 defines "major transit stop" as "a site containing an existing rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods." PRC Section 21099 defines an infill site as a lot located within an urban area that has been previously developed, or on a vacant site where at least 75 percent of the perimeter of the site

adjoins, or is separated only by an improved public right-of-way from, parcels that are developed with qualified urban uses.

The related City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning Zoning Information (ZI) File No. 2452 provides further instruction concerning the definition of transit priority projects and that "[v]isual resources, aesthetic character, shade and shadow, light and glare, and scenic vistas or any other aesthetic impact as defined in the [L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide] shall not be considered an impact for infill projects within TPAs pursuant to CEQA."

The Project Site is an infill site within the West Adams community that is zoned for commercial uses. The 5850 Project would construct a 22-story building with approximately 344,947 square feet of office uses. Coupled with the floor area of the existing building to remain on the Project Site (49,877 square feet), the Project would result in a floor area ratio of 2:1 across the Project Site. The Project Site has convenient access to public transportation and is served by numerous bus lines as well as the Metro Expo Light Rail Transit Line, with a station at the intersection of La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site. Therefore, the 5850 Project is located in a transit priority area, as confirmed by the City of Los Angeles Zoning Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS).<sup>7</sup> As such, the 5850 Project qualifies as an employment center project located in a transit priority area, and its aesthetic impacts shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment pursuant to PRC Section 21099. The following analysis regarding scenic vistas, scenic resources, consistency with applicable regulations governing scenic quality, shade/shadow, and light and glare is provided for informational purposes only, and not for determining whether the 5850 Project will result in significant impacts to the environment.<sup>8</sup>

# 4.1.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan would not structurally change land use patterns nor result in a drastic change in the existing visual character of the West Adams CPA. However, the Community Plan increased the existing height/floor area ratios in some areas, resulting in a change in visual character. Mitigation Measure AE1 would ensure that these aspects of neighborhood character are maintained by implementing transitional height policies. The Certified EIR stated that the Community Plan would not impact any identified scenic vistas or recognized views and is geared toward maintaining consistent neighborhood character, encouraging adaptive reuse and rehabilitation, improving business and employment opportunities, and preserving existing retail and neighborhood services. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to views, vistas, and scenic resources.

The Certified EIR also stated that the West Adams CPIO and Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan could potentially increase the amount of glare in the West Adams CPA due to the intensification

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City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning, Zone Information and Map Access System (ZIMAS), Parcel Profile Report for 5860 Jefferson, www.zimas.lacity.org, accessed September 13, 2019.

While not a specific environmental topic under Appendix G this analysis includes an evaluation of shading for informational purposes only in the light and glare section as it is related to light and the City has identified criteria for its analysis.

of residential and commercial development. Implementation of Mitigation Measures AE2 and AE3 would reduce impacts from light and glare. The Certified EIR stated that future development in the CPIO subdistricts and Specific Plan area could cause shadow impacts. Mitigation Measure AE1 would reduce impacts related to shade and shadow. However, shade and shadow effects during the months of December and January could still result in a significant impact. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to shade and shadow.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measures were included in the Certified EIR to reduce impacts related to aesthetics:

- AE19 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", with new construction located on commercial or industrially planned land in CPIO subareas or the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan that directly abuts or is across an alley from residentially planned land must transition in the following manner:
  - Where the rear or side property line is contiguous with that of a residential lot or separated by an alley, the building shall be set back or "stepped back" one foot for every one foot in height as measured fifteen feet above grade at the shared/residential property line, or as specified through the individual CPIO subarea or Specific Plan ordinances when more restrictive.
  - New construction located opposite the front yard setback of residentially planned land along local streets shall not exceed 30 feet in height for the first 50 feet of lot depth as measured from the commercial or industrial property line opposite the residential lot.
  - Adjustments and Exceptions (permitted): The fifteen foot "step back" height limitation at the residential property line may be increased by not more than 20 percent or as specified through the CPIO or Specific Plan regulations when more restrictive through adjustment, otherwise, through the exception procedures pursuant to the Los Angeles Municipal Code.
- AE2 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that all lighting be directed and/or shielded to minimize lighting spillover effects onto adjacent and nearby properties.
- AE3 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that glare effects be limited by using non-reflective building and construction materials, such as concrete, wood, and stucco. This shall include, but not be limited to, art installations, fencing material, and recreational equipment.

<sup>9</sup> As discussed below, Mitigation Measure AE1 from the Certified EIR would not be applicable to the 5850 Project.

# 4.1.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The following analysis is provided for informational purposes only.

As discussed above, the 5850 Project includes among other things, a request to amend the West Adams CPIO for Parcel E only (shown in Figure 1-3), to allow a maximum building height of 320 feet and individual floor height up to 37 feet with atrium space up to 52 feet in height.<sup>10</sup> Therefore, the height of a building constructed on the Project Site would be increased when compared to the analysis contained in the Certified EIR (the current building height is limited to a maximum height of 75 feet). Therefore, the 5850 Project would increase the building height on the Project Site when compared to existing conditions and when compared to the currently allowed maximum building height, although the allowable floor area would not change.

#### **Scenic Vistas**

With respect to scenic vistas, the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook is located approximately one mile from the Project Site and provides a panoramic view of the Los Angeles Basin, the Pacific Ocean, and surrounding mountains. The 5850 Project would be viewable from the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook, and as such, there is the possibility that the proposed 5850 Project could block a portion of the view of the Los Angeles Basin, as viewed from this location. However, the 5850 Project would only block a small portion of this view and the remainder of the Los Angeles Basin would still be viewable from the Scenic Overlook. Further, the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook contains a large viewing area. Therefore, as a person stands at different locations at the Scenic Overlook, different portions of the Los Angeles Basin would be in view (see Figure 4-1). In addition, the Los Angeles Basin contains many other buildings of the same height as the proposed 5850 Project, including a 320-foot-tall tower currently under construction at the corner of Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards and the (W)rapper tower, which would be approximately 230 feet in height, currently under construction at the corner of Jefferson and National Boulevards, both of which are also viewable from the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook. As the majority of the Los Angeles Basin would remain viewable from the Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook even with development of the 5850 Project, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to scenic vistas would be less than significant. Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to scenic vistas would be less than significant.

#### **Scenic Resources**

As stated below under "Biological Resources," the Project Site does not contain any protected trees. Further, the Project Site does not contain any rock outcroppings, nor is it located within a State scenic highway. Finally, as discussed below under "Cultural Resources," the 5850 Project would not result in any impacts with respect to historic resources. Therefore, the 5850 Project would result in no impact with respect to scenic resources. Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project would result in no impact with respect to scenic resources.

<sup>10</sup> Requested discretionary actions and approvals for the 5850 Project are listed in Section 1.3.3, above.

#### **Visual Character**

#### **Construction**

Construction activities at the Project Site would be mostly visible from the surrounding uses, and are estimated to occur over approximately 30 months. Construction activity would vary on a weekly basis, depending largely on the number of workers and construction trucks needed for the activities during each time period. Temporary fencing would be installed around the Project Site during construction, which would partially shield views of construction activities and equipment. Though the 5850 Project's construction activities would be visible from adjacent public and private vantage points, changes to the appearance of the Project Site would be temporary in nature. Temporary construction changes are necessary for the development of the Project Site, and would not rise to the level of a change that would substantially degrade the existing visual character. Therefore, no impacts with respect to visual character would occur during construction.

#### Operation

As described above, the 5850 Project includes an amendment to the West Adams CPIO to increase the maximum height for the Project Site, up to 320 feet. The 5850 Project is consistent with the permitted floor area ratio (FAR) for the Project Site. The increased height allows for more of the Project Site to be enhanced with landscaping and open spaces that promote human interaction and provide community gathering spaces. The 5850 Project would preserve viable industrial and hybrid industrial land for "clean-tech" and "high-tech" uses, would support other transit-oriented businesses, and would support the creation of high wage jobs and training within the West Adams CPA. Finally, the proposed amendment to the CPIO would not change the General Plan land use designation of Hybrid Industrial for the Project Site.

The 5850 Project provides for an arrangement of buildings and structures, and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. The 5850 Project has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties. The Project Site and the surrounding area belongs, to a burgeoning creative digital and entertainment community of buildings and users including, Nike, the Tennis Channel, Converse, Blur Studio, WeWork and others in the nearby vicinity. Neighboring buildings in the Project vicinity range in height from one to three stories up to 17 and 30 stories (and 230 to 320 feet in height), which are consistent with the proposed 320-foot 22-story 5850 Project. In fact, the 5850 Project is compatible with recent developments that have been taller in height (between 17 and 30 stories) in response in part to the nearby Metro Expo Line station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards.

With respect to building design and pedestrian orientation, the vast majority of the parking spaces would be provided in four subterranean parking levels, allowing for the generous landscaping and open spaces proposed. The requested increase in height would allow the Project Site to be designed in compatibility with existing and under construction development on nearby properties and neighboring properties that are 17 to 30 stories.

The 5850 Project's architectural design is the aggregate of multiple parts offering varying forms

and dimensions for a variety of office related purposes that is compatible with the light industrial area. The design of the building is comprised of four components. The first built component is the four levels of subterranean parking, and the second is composed of four on-grade, greenroofed open spaces - one at each corner of four corners of the Project Site. The third component, the base, contains three floors with a trussed perimeter, designed to accommodate large horizontal expanses of flexible office, meeting, and production uses, located centrally within the base. The fourth component, the tower, emerges vertically from the base. It begins with a circular plan at a 49-foot height, and evolves in shape to a simple rectangular plan at a roof deck top. Each floor perimeter differs slightly from the adjacent floors above and below as the tower gradually transitions from round to rectangular. Stairs, elevators, bathrooms, and mechanical equipment are contained in the two vertical cores, which begin in the subterranean parking, pass through the base, and emerge from the curtain wall as external elements as the tower ascends. The evolution in the tower form is ratified by the curtain wall itself which begins as an orthogonal combination of vertical and horizontal mullion lines and rectangular glazing pieces at the roof top, and evolves over the course of the tower's descent, gradually becoming a series of radial mullions and curving glass indicating the tower shape change from rectangular to curving floor plan.

Access to the loading and service area of the building is provided along the existing private driveway on the northern perimeter of the Project Site. In order to screen these areas from public view, it has been integrated into the landscape mounds on the easterly portion of the Project Site. Vehicles maneuvering into the service area can be accommodated on-site without impact to public streets.

The design of the 5850 Project includes extensive landscaping and open space. Along a pedestrian route from the Metro Expo Line through a sequence of new and retrofitted office structures is a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and walking paths culminate on the Project Site in the park-like venue that surrounds and organizes access to the proposed building. The building base is set back approximately 166 feet from the east property line, 97 feet from the south, up to 12 feet five inches to the west, and 160 feet from the north.

Within that landscape are building accoutrements – stacks, flues, vents, grills, louvers, windows – that provide clues as to office, pedestrian gathering areas, parking and utility uses hidden below the horticulture. Landscaping amenities including seating, meeting areas, barbeque space, and more generally a rolling, sometimes terraced, green landscape interspersed with hardscape venues, surround pedestrians on the way to the first office floor and entry lobby. The central lobby is accessed and entered from the park from four directions, north, south, east, and west.

The 5850 Project is located along Jefferson Boulevard and placed in a park-like setting that includes approximately 47,854 square feet of landscaping. The Project Site rises upward toward the 5850 Project building in a series of four perimeter mounds that slope from grade level to the second floor of the 5850 Project. The mounds serve as a visual transition upward as the building appears to rise up out of the land. These mounded areas define the primary entry points to the building located in wide open plazas with landscape, hardscape, and pedestrian

seating. The mounds provide a buffer between the two largest plazas and the automobile areas of the parking lot and Jefferson Boulevard. These mounds provide a green roof for interior office spaces. The northeast mound accommodates the loading areas of the 5850 Project, and the southeast mound integrates the access ramp for the subterranean parking structure. The mounds are planted with a combination of native plants and grasses that require low water and provide a diverse range of colors and textures. Pedestrian pathways that lead to building entrances feature decorative paving with integrated benches and pathway lighting.

The 5850 Project not only provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces, and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood, but would also enhance the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to visual character would be less than significant. Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to visual character would be less than significant.

### **Light and Glare**

The 5850 Project would include lighting designed to highlight architectural elements of the structures. Security lighting would be installed to deter criminal activity on the Project Site. The lights associated with the 5850 Project would be directed toward the interior of the Project Site so as not to create impacts to surrounding land uses or motorists traveling on surrounding roadways. All exterior lighting would be designed with internal and/or external glare control and would also be designed, arranged, directed, or shielded to contain direct illumination on-site, thereby preventing excess illumination and light spillover onto adjacent land uses and/or roadways. Blinking, flashing, or oscillating lights would be prohibited. Due to its scale in relation to existing development in the Project vicinity, light generated from the interior of the proposed building could potentially be seen from outside the immediate vicinity of the Project Site. However, the increase in light that would be generated would not be out of character with the existing light sources in the Project vicinity. In addition, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure AE2 from the Certified EIR, which ensures that all lighting would be directed on-site and/or shielded to minimize spillover effects onto nearby properties. As such, nighttime views in the Project vicinity would not be affected by the 5850 Project, and impacts with respect to light would be less than significant. Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to light would be less than significant.

The 5850 Project's architectural features and facades would not be constructed of highly reflective materials, and therefore would not be expected to affect daytime views. Materials used on the façade of the proposed office building would include concrete, spandrel glass, and vision glass, and the glass included on the façade would not be highly reflective. In addition, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure AE3 from the Certified EIR, which would ensure that non-reflective building materials are used. As such, daytime views in the 5850 Project vicinity would not be affected by the 5850 Project, and impacts with respect to glare would be less than significant. Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to glare would be less than significant.

#### **Shade and Shadow**

Summer shadows resulting from the 5850 Project are shown in Figure 4-2. As shown, the 5850 Project would cast shadows to the west at 9:00 AM on the summer solstice. These shadows would fall on Jefferson Boulevard, the Ballona Creek, and a small portion of the commercial uses located further to the west. At 1:00 PM on the summer solstice, the 5850 Project would cast very limited shadows that would be contained within the Project Site itself. Finally, at 5:00 PM on the summer solstice, the 5850 Project would cast shadows to the east, shading commercial uses located to the east of the Project Site. As shown on Figure 4-2, no sensitive uses would be shaded for more than four hours between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Consequently, the 5850 Project would have no impact with respect to summer shadows.

Winter shadows resulting from the 5850 Project are shown in Figure 4-3. As shown, the 5850 Project would cast shadows to the northwest at 9:00 AM on the winter solstice. These shadows would fall on Jefferson Boulevard, the Ballona Creek, and commercial/industrial uses located northwest of the Project Site. At 12:00 PM on the winter solstice, the 5850 Project would cast shadows to the north, shading the commercial uses located immediately adjacent to the Project Site on the north. Finally, at 3:00 PM on the winter solstice, the 5850 Project would cast shadows to the northeast, shading commercial and industrial uses located to the northeast of the Project Site. As shown on Figure 4-3, no sensitive uses would be shaded for more than three hours between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Consequently, the 5850 Project would have no impact with respect to winter shadows.

Pursuant to SB 743 and ZI No. 2452, the 5850 Project would have no impact with respect to shade and shadow.

## **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measures AE2 and AE3 from the Certified EIR. The Project Site does not directly abut residentially-planned land, nor is the Project Site located across an alley from residentially-planned land. Therefore, Mitigation Measure AE1 from the Certified EIR would not be applicable to the 5850 Project.

# 4.1.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the Certified EIR.

# 4.1.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to visual or aesthetic resources. No substantial changes in the aesthetic or visual environment have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new scenic resources have been

identified within the vicinity of the Project Site that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.1.5 EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measures AE2 and AE3 from the Certified EIR. However, Mitigation Measure AE1 from the Certified EIR would not be applicable to the 5850 Project.

## 4.1.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant aesthetic impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified aesthetic impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the 5850 Project does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.















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# 4.2 Agriculture and Forestry Resources

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	RICULTURE AND FORESTRY SOURCES: Would the project:					
(a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code Section 51104(g))?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	No Impact	No	No	No	No

# 4.2.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that a review of the maps compiled by the California Department of Conservation (DOC) Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP) indicates that the West Adams CPA is mapped as an "urbanized area" and does not have properties that contain prime or important farmlands. There are no properties located in the West Adams CPA that are zoned for agriculture use, and there are no agriculture land uses in the West Adams CPA. Vegetation within the West Adams CPA consists largely of non-native ornamental trees,

grasses, and shrubs that are typical of urban landscaping. The West Adams CPA and surrounding area are fully developed and urbanized, and there are no timberlands in the vicinity of the West Adams CPA. As stated in the Certified EIR, the City land use and zoning maps show there is no forest land defined as timberland or timberland production in the West Adams CPA. As there are no agriculture or forestry resources within the West Adams CPA, the Community Plan and its implementing ordinances do not contain any specific guidelines that would affect farmland, agricultural land, timberland, or forest land. Therefore, implementation of the Community Plan would have no construction or operational impacts related to agriculture and forestry resources.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

No impacts related to agricultural and forestry resources were determined for the Community Plan, and no mitigation measures were required.

# 4.2.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA does not contain land uses that are considered prime or important farmlands, agricultural land uses, timberlands, or forest land. The Project Site is currently developed with commercial land uses, and would remain designated for Hybrid Industrial land uses after development of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

# 4.2.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the Certified EIR.

# 4.2.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to agricultural or forestry resources. No substantial changes have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no new agricultural or forestry resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts. Finally, as it has been determined the 5850 Project will not result in any agricultural or forestry resources impacts, a review of feasible mitigation measures is not required.

## 4.2.5 EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact

Because the Certified EIR determined the Project would have no impacts on agricultural or forestry resources, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.2.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified impacts to agricultural or forestry resources would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the 5850 Project does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.3 Air Quality

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	R QUALITY: Would the ject:					-
(a)	Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	Less Than Significant Impact	No	No	No	No
(b)	Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
(c)	Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
(d)	Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors adversely affecting a substantial number of people?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following item, which is included as **Appendix A** to this Addendum:

A <u>Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Technical Modeling,</u> DKA Planning, August 2019.

## 4.3.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

#### Construction

The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan would allow for an increase in the capacity for development in the West Adams CPA by 3.8 million square feet of commercial space, 2.3 million square feet of public facility, and 19,703 dwelling units. Construction activity has the potential to create air quality impacts through the use of heavy-duty construction equipment and through vehicle trips generated by construction workers traveling to and from individual project sites. As shown in the Certified EIR, average construction emissions for the potential West Adams CPA developments would exceed South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) regional thresholds for VOC and NOx, but would be well below the CO, SOx,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$  thresholds. Moreover, the Certified EIR stated that construction activity would likely exceed the localized significance thresholds for NOx,  $PM_{2.5}$ , and  $PM_{10}$ . Therefore, without mitigation, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the

Community Plan would result in a significant impact related to regional and localized construction emissions. Mitigation Measure AQ1 was adopted in the Certified EIR to ensure compliance with SCAQMD Rule 403, to reduce VOC emissions, control exhaust emissions, and limit pollutant concentrations. Nonetheless, the Certified EIR concluded that even with implementation of Mitigation Measure AQ1, impacts related to regional and localized air quality emissions would remain significant and unavoidable.

Odors may be emitted during project construction by equipment exhaust and architectural coatings. However, these sources would be localized and temporary in nature. Therefore, impacts from construction odors were determined to be less than significant. Finally, as stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan would not interfere with the implementation of the standards and strategies of the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to consistency with the AQMP.

#### Operation

As stated in the Certified EIR, future daily emissions under implementation of the Community Plan are expected to decrease from existing emissions for all of the assessed pollutants except VOC. This is largely a result of reductions in vehicle emissions that are projected to occur between 2008 and 2030 due to stricter regulations and improved technology. The Certified EIR stated that VOC emissions would increase as a result of architectural coating emissions associated with new residential land uses. However, the increase in VOC emissions would be less than the SCAQMD daily significance threshold. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to regional operational emissions.

With respect to localized operational emissions, as stated in the Certified EIR, the State one-and eight-hour standards of 20 and 9.0 ppm, respectively, would not be exceeded at any intersection within the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to mobile source CO concentrations. The I-10 Freeway runs through the West Adams CPA; therefore, if receptors are sited within close proximity to the freeway, impacts with respect to toxic air contaminants would be potentially significant. The City of Los Angeles recently amended the LAMC to require new residential and commercial buildings located within 1,000 feet of freeways follow standards to reduce health risks from mobile sources. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to operational toxic air contaminant emissions.

According to the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is not anticipated to be developed with land uses that are typically associated with odor complaints. The majority of development would be typical residential and commercial uses. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to operational odors. The Community Plan would also be consistent with the AQMP goals to reduce pollution levels. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the

Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to consistency with the AQMP.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measure was included in the Certified EIR to reduce impacts related to air quality:

- **AQ1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that all contractors include the following best management practices in contract specifications:
  - Use properly tuned and maintained equipment.
  - Contractors shall enforce the idling limit of five minutes as set forth in the California Code of Regulations.
  - Use diesel-fueled construction equipment to be retrofitted with after treatment products (e.g. engine catalysts) to the extent they are readily available and feasible.
  - Use heavy-duty diesel-fueled equipment that uses low NOx diesel fuel to the extent it is ready available and feasible.
  - Use construction equipment that uses low polluting fuels (i.e. compressed natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, and unleaded gasoline) to the extent available and feasible.
  - Maintain construction equipment in good operating condition to minimize air pollutants.
  - All off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 horsepower shall meet the Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In addition, all construction equipment shall be outfitted with Best Available Control Technologies devices certified by the California Air Resources Board (CARB). Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.
  - Construction contractors shall use electricity from power poles rather than temporary gasoline or diesel power generators, as feasible.
  - Use building materials, paints, sealants, mechanical equipment, and other materials that yield low air pollutants and are nontoxic.

- Construction contractors shall utilize super-compliant architectural coatings as defined by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (VOC standard of less than ten grams per liter).
- Construction contractors shall utilize materials that do not require painting, as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall use pre-painted construction materials, as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall provide temporary traffic controls such as a flag person, during all phases of construction to maintain smooth traffic flow.
- Construction contractors shall provide dedicated turn lanes for movement of construction trucks and equipment on- and off-site as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall reroute construction trucks away from congested streets or sensitive receptor areas as feasible.
- Construction contractors shall appoint a construction relations officer to act as a community liaison concerning on-site construction activity including resolution of issues related to PM10 generation.

## 4.3.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's air quality impacts were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

#### Air Quality Plan

## SCAQMD CEQA Air Quality Handbook Policy Analysis and SCAG 2016-2040 RTP/SCS Consistency

The following analysis addresses the 5850 Project's consistency with applicable SCAQMD and Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) policies, including the SCAQMD's 2016 AQMP and growth projections within the SCAG 2016–2040 RTP/SCS. In accordance with the procedures established in the SCAQMD's *CEQA Air Quality Handbook*, the following criteria are required to be addressed in order to determine the 5850 Project's consistency with applicable SCAQMD and SCAG policies:

- Would the project result in any of the following:
  - An increase in the frequency or severity of existing air quality violations; or

- Cause or contribute to new air quality violations; or
- Delay timely attainment of air quality standards or the interim emission reductions specified in the AQMP.
- Would the project exceed the assumptions utilized in preparing the AQMP?
  - Is the Project consistent with the population and employment growth projections upon which AQMP forecasted emission levels are based;
  - Does the Project include air quality mitigation measures; or
  - To what extent is Project development consistent with the AQMP land use policies?

With respect to the first criterion, as discussed below, localized concentrations of  $NO_2$  as  $NO_X$ , CO,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$  have been analyzed for the 5850 Project through an analysis of construction and operational emissions. As shown in Tables 4.3-3 and 4.3-4 below, these emissions would not exceed the SCAQMD's screening thresholds. These represent thresholds when exceedances of health-based air quality standards could occur.  $SO_2$  emissions would be negligible during construction and long-term operations, and, therefore, would not have the potential to cause or affect a violation of the  $SO_2$  ambient air quality standard. Since VOCs are not a criteria pollutant, there is no ambient standard or localized threshold for VOCs. Due to the role VOCs play in  $O_3$  formation, it is classified as a precursor pollutant, and only a regional emissions threshold has been established.

Particulate matter is the primary pollutant of concern during construction activities, and, therefore, the 5850 Project's  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions during construction were analyzed in order to: (1) ascertain potential effects on localized concentrations; and (2) determine if there is a potential for such emissions to cause or affect a violation of the ambient air quality standards for  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$ . As demonstrated in the analysis below (see Table 4.3-3 later in this section), the increases in  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions during construction would not exceed the SCAQMD-recommended significance thresholds at sensitive receptors in proximity to the Project Site.

Additionally, the 5850 Project's maximum potential  $NO_X$  and CO daily emissions during construction were analyzed to ascertain potential effects on localized concentrations and to determine if there is a potential for such emissions to cause or affect a violation of an applicable ambient air quality standard. As shown in Table 4.3-3,  $NO_X$  and CO would not exceed the SCAQMD-recommended localized significance thresholds. Therefore, 5850 Project construction would not result in a significant impact with regard to localized air quality.

Because the 5850 Project would not introduce any substantial stationary sources of emissions, CO is the preferred benchmark pollutant for assessing local area air quality impacts from post-

construction motor vehicle operations.<sup>11</sup> As discussed below, no intersections would require a CO hotspot analysis, and impacts would be less than significant. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not increase the frequency or severity of an existing CO violation or cause or contribute to new CO violations.

As discussed below, an analysis of potential localized operational impacts from on-site activities was conducted. As demonstrated in the analysis below (see Table 4.3-4 later in this section), localized  $NO_2$  as  $NO_X$ , CO,  $PM_{10}$ , and  $PM_{2.5}$  operational impacts would be less than significant. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not increase the frequency or severity of an existing violation or cause or contribute to new violations for these pollutants. As the 5850 Project would not exceed any of the state and federal standards, the 5850 Project would also not delay timely attainment of air quality standards or interim emission reductions specified in the AQMP.

With respect to the determination of consistency with AQMP growth assumptions, the projections in the AQMP for achieving air quality goals are based on assumptions in SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS regarding population, housing, and growth trends. Determining whether or not a project exceeds the assumptions reflected in the AQMP involves the evaluation of three criteria: (1) consistency with applicable population, housing, and employment growth projections; (2) project mitigation measures; and (3) appropriate incorporation of AQMP land use planning strategies. The following discussion provides an analysis with respect to each of these three criteria.

• Is the project consistent with the population, housing, and employment growth projections upon which AQMP forecasted emission levels are based?

A project is consistent with the AQMP, in part, if it is consistent with the population, housing, and employment assumptions that were used in the development of the AQMP. In the case of the 2016 AQMP, two sources of data form the basis for the projections of air pollutant emissions: the City of Los Angeles General Plan and SCAG's RTP. The General Plan serves as a comprehensive, long-term plan for future development of the City.

The 2016–2040 RTP/SCS provides socioeconomic forecast projections of regional population growth. The population, housing, and employment forecasts, which are adopted by SCAG's Regional Council, are based on local plans and policies applicable to the specific area; these are used by SCAG in all phases of implementation and review. As stated in the Transportation Assessment prepared for the 5850 Project (included in Appendix F to this Addendum, see specifically Section 3B (VMT Analysis)), development of the 5850 Project could result in approximately 1,380 employment positions on-site. According to the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, the employment forecast for the City of Los Angeles in 2012 was approximately 1,696,400 employees. In 2040, the City of Los Angeles is anticipated to have approximately 2,169,100 employees. Thus, the 5850 Project's estimated 1,380 employees would constitute approximately 0.29 percent of the employment growth forecasted between 2012 and 2040.

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SCAQMD, CEQA Air Quality Handbook, Chapter 12, Assessing Consistency with Applicable Regional Plans, 1993.

Because the 5850 Project's resulting employment growth would fall well within the growth forecasts for the City and similar projections form the basis of the 2016 AQMP, it can be concluded that the 5850 Project would be consistent with the projections in the AQMP.

Does the project implement feasible air quality mitigation measures?

As discussed below, the 5850 Project would not result in any significant air quality impacts and therefore would not require mitigation. In addition, the 5850 Project would comply with all applicable regulatory standards as required by SCAQMD. As such, the 5850 Project meets this AQMP consistency criterion.

 To what extent is project development consistent with the land use policies set forth in the AQMP?

With regard to land use developments such as the 5850 Project, the AQMP's air quality policies focus on the reduction of VMT. The 5850 Project would be designed and constructed to support and promote environmental sustainability. The 5850 Project represents an infill development within an existing urbanized area that would concentrate new offices uses within a High Quality Transit Area (HQTA). "Green" principles are also incorporated throughout the 5850 Project to comply with the City of Los Angeles Green Building Code and the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) through energy conservation, water conservation, and waste reduction features.

The air quality plan applicable to the 5850 Project area is the 2016 AQMP. The 2016 AQMP is the SCAQMD plan for improving regional air quality in the Basin. The 2016 AQMP is the current management plan for continued progression toward clean air and compliance with State and federal requirements. It includes a comprehensive strategy aimed at controlling pollution from all sources, including stationary sources, on- and off-road mobile sources and area sources. The 2016 AQMP also incorporates current scientific information and meteorological air quality models. It also updates the federally approved 8-hour  $O_3$  control plan with new commitments for short-term  $NO_X$  and VOC reductions.

The 2016 AQMP includes short-term control measures related to facility modernization, energy efficiency, good management practices, market incentives, and emissions growth management. As demonstrated in the following analyses, the 5850 Project would not result in significant regional emissions. The 2016 AQMP adapts previously conducted regional air quality analyses to account for the recent unexpected drought conditions and presents a revised approach to demonstrated attainment of the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for the Basin. Directly applicable to the 5850 Project, the 2016 AQMP proposes robust NO<sub>X</sub> reductions from commercial appliances and commercial space heating. The 5850 Project would be required to comply with all new and existing regulatory measures set forth by the SCAQMD. Implementation of the 5850 Project would not interfere with air pollution control measures listed in the 2016 AQMP.

The Project Site is classified as "Hybrid Industrial" in the General Plan Framework and the Community Plan, a classification that allows general office uses by right. As such, the RTP/SCS' assumptions about growth in the City accommodate job growth on the Project Site. As a result, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the growth assumptions in the City's General Plan. Because the AQMP accommodates growth forecasts from local General Plans, the emissions associated with the 5850 Project are accounted for and mitigated in the region's air quality attainment plans. The air quality impacts of development on the Project Site are accommodated in the region's emissions inventory for the 2016 RTP/SCS and 2016 AQMP. Therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to consistency with the AQMP would be less than significant.

#### City of Los Angeles Policies

The 5850 Project would offer convenient access to public transit and opportunities for walking and biking, thereby facilitating a reduction in VMT. In addition, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the existing land use pattern in the vicinity that concentrates urban density along major arterials and near transit options. The 5850 Project is a short distance from transit stops, including the Metro Expo Line Station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site.

The 5850 Project would be consistent with applicable policies of the Air Quality Element, and would implement sustainability features that would reduce vehicular trips, reduce VMT, and encourage use of alternative modes of transportation. The City's General Plan Air Quality Element identifies 30 policies with specific strategies for advancing the City's clean air goals. As illustrated in Table 4.3-1, the 5850 Project is consistent with the applicable policies in the Air Quality Element. Therefore, the 5850 Project would result in less than significant impacts related to consistency with the Air Quality Element.

Table 4.3-1
5850 Project Consistency With City Of Los Angeles General Plan Air Quality Element

Strategy	5850 Project Consistency
Policy 1.3.1. Minimize particulate emissions from	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project would minimize particulate emissions during construction through best
construction sites.	practices and/or SCAQMD rules.
Policy 1.3.2. Minimize particulate emissions from	Consistent. The 5850 Project would minimize

As noted earlier in this section, the 5850 Project could generate approximately 1,380 employment positions on-site. According to the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, the employment forecast for the City of Los Angeles in 2012 was 1,696,400 employees. In 2040, the City of Los Angeles is anticipated to have 2,169,100 employees. Thus, the 5850 Project's estimated 1,380 employees would constitute 0.29 percent of the projected job growth between 2012 and 2040. Because the 5850 Project's resulting employment growth would fall well within the growth forecasts for the City and similar projections form the basis of the 2016 RTP/SCS and 2016 AQMP, it can be concluded that the 5850 Project would be consistent with the projections in both the RTP/SCS and the AQMP.

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Table 4.3-1
5850 Project Consistency With City Of Los Angeles General Plan Air Quality Element

Strategy	5850 Project Consistency
unpaved roads and parking lots associated with	particulate emissions from unpaved facilities through
vehicular traffic.	best practices and/or SCAQMD rules.
Policy 2.1.1. Utilize compressed work weeks and	Consistent. The 5850 Project would be located in the
flextime, telecommuting, carpooling, vanpooling,	Baldwin Hills neighborhood, an urban area with
public transit, and improve walking/bicycling related	significant transportation infrastructure, including Metro
facilities in order to reduce vehicle trips and/or VMT	bus service on La Cienega Boulevard (Metro 4, 105,
as an employer and encourage the private sector to	217, 705) and Jefferson Boulevard (Metro 38, 217), as
do the same to reduce work trips and traffic	well as a Metro Expo Line light-rail station at La
congestion.	Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard,
	approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site.
	As discussed in the Project's Transportation
	Assessment (included as Appendix F-2 to this
	Addendum), the Project would include a Transportation
	Demand Management (TDM) Program that would
Policy 2.1.2. Facilitate and encourage the use of	include strategies to reduce vehicle trips and/or VMT.
telecommunications (i.e., telecommuting) in both the	Consistent. Where appropriate, the Project Applicant
public and private sectors, in order to reduce work	and/or future employers could encourage
trips.	telecommuting with future tenants.
Policy 2.2.1. Discourage single-occupant vehicle use	Consistent. As discussed in the Project's
through a variety of measures such as market	Transportation Assessment (included as Appendix F-2
incentive strategies, mode-shift incentives, trip	to this Addendum), the Project would include a TDM
reduction plans and ridesharing subsidies.	Program that would include strategies to reduce
	vehicle trips and/or VMT.
Policy 2.2.2. Encourage multi-occupant vehicle travel	Consistent. Where appropriate, the 5850 Project may
and discourage single-occupant vehicle travel by	include parking management practices in the future to
instituting parking management practices.	reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips. In addition, the
	provision of Metro bus service on La Cienega
	Boulevard (Metro 4, 105, 217, 705) and Jefferson Boulevard (Metro 38, 217), as well as a Metro Expo
	Line light-rail station at La Cienega Boulevard and
	Jefferson Boulevard, approximately 1,100 feet
	northeast of the Project Site, would further reduce
	single-occupant vehicle travel. Finally, the provision of
	35 short- and 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces
	could reduce demand for auto parking.
Policy 2.2.3. Minimize the use of single-occupant	Not Applicable. The 5850 Project would not include
vehicles associated with special events or in areas	facilities for special events or be located in an area or
and times of high levels of pedestrian activities.	time of high level of pedestrian activities.
Policy 3.2.1. Manage traffic congestion during peak	Consistent. As provided below in the "Transportation"
hours.	subsection, the 5850 Project's traffic impacts would be
	less than significant. In addition, as discussed in the
	Project's Transportation Assessment (included as

Table 4.3-1
5850 Project Consistency With City Of Los Angeles General Plan Air Quality Element

Strategy	5850 Project Consistency
	Appendix F-2 to this Addendum), the Project would include a TDM Program that would include strategies to reduce vehicle trips and/or VMT. Finally, upon operations of the 5850 Project, employers could promote alternative travel modes that take advantage of the 5850 Project's proximity to substantial local and rapid bus service, as well as access to the Metro Expo Line, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site.
<b>Policy 4.1.1.</b> Coordinate with all appropriate regional agencies on the implementation of strategies for the integration of land use, transportation, and air quality policies.	Consistent. The 5850 Project is being entitled through the City of Los Angeles, which coordinates with SCAG, Metro, and other regional agencies on the coordination of land use, air quality, and transportation policies.
<b>Policy 4.1.2.</b> Ensure that project level review and approval of land use development remains at the local level.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would be entitled and environmentally cleared at the local level.
<b>Policy 4.2.1.</b> Revise the City's General Plan/Community Plans to achieve a more compact, efficient urban form and to promote more transit-oriented development and mixed-use development.	Not Applicable. This policy calls for City updates to its General Plan.
<b>Policy 4.2.2.</b> Improve accessibility for the City's residents to places of employment, shopping centers and other establishments.	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project would be infill development that would provide jobs that are easily accessible to those who live in the Project area and public transit.
Policy 4.2.3. Ensure that new development is compatible with pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and alternative fuel vehicles.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would be located in an urban area with significant infrastructure to facilitate alternative transportation modes, including close proximity to bus routes and rail service operating by Metro. The inclusion of 35 short- and 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces will support this policy, along with pre-wiring for electric vehicle charging stations. Further, the 5850 Project would enhance the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design that places parking in subterranean levels and includes approximately 100,054 square feet of open space, including 47,854 square feet of landscaping with pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas.
<b>Policy 4.2.4.</b> Require that air quality impacts be a consideration in the review and approval of all discretionary projects.	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project's air quality impacts are analyzed in this document.
<b>Policy 4.2.5.</b> Emphasize trip reduction, alternative transit and congestion management measures for	Consistent. The 5850 Project would be located in an urban area with significant infrastructure to facilitate

Table 4.3-1
5850 Project Consistency With City Of Los Angeles General Plan Air Quality Element

Strategy	5850 Project Consistency
discretionary projects.	alternative transportation modes, including Metro bus service on La Cienega Boulevard (Metro 4, 105, 217, 705) and Jefferson Boulevard (Metro 38, 217), as well as a Metro Expo Line light-rail station at La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site. In addition, as discussed in the Project's Transportation Assessment (included as Appendix F-2 to this Addendum), the Project would include a TDM Program that would include strategies to reduce vehicle trips and/or VMT.
Policy 4.3.1. Revise the City's General Plan/Community Plans to ensure that new or relocated sensitive receptors are located to minimize significant health risks posed by air pollution sources.	Not Applicable. This policy calls for City updates to its General Plan.
Policy 4.3.2. Revise the City's General Plan/Community Plans to ensure that new or relocated major air pollution sources are located to minimize significant health risks to sensitive receptors.	<b>Not Applicable.</b> This policy calls for City updates to its General Plan.
<b>Policy 5.1.1.</b> Make improvements in Harbor and airport operations and facilities in order to reduce air emissions.	<b>Not Applicable.</b> This policy calls for cleaner operations of the City's water port and airport facilities.
<b>Policy 5.1.2.</b> Effect a reduction in energy consumption and shift to non-polluting sources of energy in its buildings and operations.	<b>Not Applicable.</b> This policy calls for cleaner operations of the City's buildings and operations.
<b>Policy 5.1.3.</b> Have the Department of Water and Power make improvements at its in-basin power plants in order to reduce air emissions.	<b>Not Applicable.</b> This policy calls for cleaner operations of the City's Water and Power energy plants.
<b>Policy 5.1.4.</b> Reduce energy consumption and associated air emissions by encouraging waste reduction and recycling.	Consistent. This policy calls for the City to encourage waste reduction and recycling. Nevertheless, the 5850 Project would be consistent with this policy by complying with Title 24, CALGreen, and other requirements to reduce solid waste and energy consumption.
Policy 5.2.1. Reduce emissions from its own vehicles by continuing scheduled maintenance, inspection and vehicle replacement programs; by adhering to the State of California's emissions testing and monitoring programs; by using alternative fuel vehicles wherever feasible, in accordance with regulatory agencies and City Council policies.	Not Applicable. This policy calls for the City to gradually reduce the fleet emissions inventory from its vehicles through use of alternative fuels, improved maintenance practices, and related operational improvements.
<b>Policy 5.3.1.</b> Support the development and use of equipment powered by electric or low-emitting fuels.	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project would be designed to meet the applicable requirements of the State's Green

Table 4.3-1
5850 Project Consistency With City Of Los Angeles General Plan Air Quality Element

Strategy	5850 Project Consistency			
	Building Standards Code and the City of Los Angeles'			
	Green Building Code.			
Policy 6.1.1. Raise awareness through public-	Not Applicable. This policy calls for the City to			
information and education programs of the actions	promote clean air awareness through its public			
that individuals can take to reduce air emissions.	awareness programs.			
Source: DKA Planning, 2019.				

#### Construction

Construction-related emissions were estimated using the SCAQMD's CalEEMod 2016.3.2 model using assumptions from the 5850 Project's developer, including the 5850 Project's construction schedule of approximately 30 months. Table 4.3-2 summarizes the potential construction schedule that was modeled for air quality impacts.

Table 4.3-2
Estimated 5850 Construction Schedule

Phase	Duration
Demolition	Months 1-2
Grading	Months 3-8
Building Construction	Months 9-30
Paving	Months 28-29
Architectural Coatings	Months 24-29
Source: DKA Planning, 201	19

The 5850 Project would be required to comply with the following regulations, as applicable:

- SCAQMD Rule 403, which would reduce the amount of particulate matter entrained in ambient air as a result of anthropogenic fugitive dust sources by requiring actions to prevent, reduce or mitigate fugitive dust emissions.
- SCAQMD Rule 1113, which limits the VOC content of architectural coatings.
- SCAQMD Rule 402, which states that a person shall not discharge from any source whatsoever such quantities of air contaminants or other materials which cause injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons or to the public, or which endanger the comfort, repose, health, or safety of any such persons or the public, or which cause, or have a natural tendency to cause, injury or damage to business or property.

- In accordance with Section 2485 in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations, the idling
  of all diesel-fueled commercial vehicles (with gross vehicle weight over 10,000 pounds)
  during construction would be limited to five minutes at any location.
- In accordance with Section 93115 in Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations, operation of any stationary, diesel-fueled, compression-ignition engines would meet specific fuel and fuel additive requirements and emissions standards.

#### Regional Emissions

Construction activity has the potential to create air quality impacts through the use of heavy-duty construction equipment and through vehicle trips generated by construction workers traveling to and from the Project Site. Fugitive dust emissions would primarily result from grading activities. NO<sub>X</sub> emissions would primarily result from the use of construction equipment and truck trips. During the building finishing phase, paving and the application of architectural coatings (e.g., paints) would potentially release VOCs (regulated by SCAQMD Rule 1113). The assessment of construction air quality impacts considers each of these potential sources. Construction emissions can vary substantially from day to day, depending on the level of activity, the specific type of operation and, for dust, the prevailing weather conditions.

As stated above, it is mandatory for all construction projects in the Basin to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403 for Fugitive Dust. Rule 403 control requirements include measures to prevent the generation of visible dust plumes. Measures include, but are not limited to, applying water and/or soil binders to uncovered areas, reestablishing ground cover as quickly as possible, utilizing a wheel washing system or other control measures to remove bulk material from tires and vehicle undercarriages before vehicles exit the Project Site, and maintaining effective cover over exposed areas. Compliance with Rule 403 would reduce regional  $PM_{2.5}$  and  $PM_{10}$  emissions associated with 5850 Project construction activities by approximately 61 percent.

This analysis also assumes a single-trip haul distance of up to 39.5 miles to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. However, closer locations may be determined feasible, which would result in lower emissions for the 5850 Project.

As shown in Table 4.3-3, the construction of the 5850 Project would produce VOC,  $NO_X$ , CO,  $SO_X$ ,  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions that do not exceed the SCAQMD's regional thresholds. As a result, construction of the 5850 Project would not contribute substantially to an existing violation of air quality standards for regional pollutants (e.g., ozone). This impact is considered less than significant.

Table 4.3-3
Estimated Daily 5850 Project Construction Emissions - Unmitigated

	Daily Emissions (Pounds Per Day)					
Construction Phase Year	VOC NO <sub>X</sub> CO SO <sub>X</sub> PM <sub>10</sub> PM <sub>2.5</sub>					
2020	4	95	34	<1	5	2

Table 4.3-3
Estimated Daily 5850 Project Construction Emissions - Unmitigated

2021	3	19	28	<1	3	1
2022	30	29	43	<1	4	2
Maximum Regional Total	30	95	43	<1	5	2
Regional Threshold	75	100	550	150	150	55
Exceed Threshold?	No	No	No	No	No	No
Maximum Localized Total	29	33	30	<1	3	2
Localized Threshold	N/A	186	2,961	N/A	64	21
Exceed Threshold?	N/A	No	No	N/A	No	No
	1	1	1			

The construction dates are used for the modeling of air quality emissions in the CalEEMod software. If construction activities commence later than what is assumed in the environmental analysis, the actual emissions would be lower than analyzed because of the increasing penetration of newer equipment with lower certified emission levels. Assumes implementation of SCAQMD Rule 403 (Fugitive Dust Emissions)

Source: DKA Planning, 2019 based on CalEEMod 2016.3.2 model runs (included in Appendix A).

LST analyses based on 2-acre site with 200-meter distances to receptors in Northwest Coastal LA County source receptor area (SRA). Though the Project Site is approximately 4.53 acres, this analysis conservatively used the thresholds for a smaller site, per SCAQMD guidance. SCAQMD LST thresholds are established for 1, 2, and 5 acres. Reliance on the smaller threshold of 2 acres ensures that the analysis holds the 5850 Project's impacts to a threshold more stringent than would otherwise be the case.

#### Localized Emissions

In addition to maximum daily regional emissions, maximum localized (on-site) emissions were quantified for each construction activity. The localized construction air quality analysis was conducted using the methodology promulgated by the SCAQMD. Look-up tables provided by the SCAQMD were used to determine localized construction emissions thresholds for the 5850 Project. LSTs represent the maximum emissions from a project that are not expected to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the most stringent applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard and are based on the most recent background ambient air quality monitoring data (2016–2018) for the Project area.

Maximum on-site daily construction emissions for NO<sub>X</sub>, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> were calculated using CalEEMod and compared to the applicable SCAQMD LSTs for the Northwest Coastal LA

SCAQMD, LST Methodology Appendix C-Mass Rate LST Look-up Table, revised October 2009.

County SRA based on construction site acreage that is less than or equal to two acres.<sup>14</sup> Potential impacts were evaluated at the closest off-site sensitive receptor, which would be the residences under construction at the Jefferson & La Cienega (Cumulus) project, approximately 710 feet northeast of the Project Site across Jefferson Boulevard. The closest receptor distance on the SCAQMD mass rate LST look-up tables is 200 meters.

As shown in Table 4.3-3, above, the 5850 Project would produce emissions that do not exceed the SCAQMD's recommended localized standards of significance for  $NO_2$  and CO during the construction phase. Similarly, construction activities would not produce  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  emissions that exceed localized thresholds recommended by the SCAQMD.

These estimates assume the use of Best Available Control Measures (BACM) that address fugitive dust emissions of  $PM_{10}$  and  $PM_{2.5}$  through SCAQMD Rule 403. This would include watering portions of the Project Site that are disturbed during grading activities and minimizing tracking of dirt onto local streets. Therefore, construction impacts on localized air quality are considered less than significant.

#### Sensitive Receptors

Some land uses are considered more sensitive to changes in air quality than others, depending on the population groups and the activities involved. CARB has identified the following groups who are most likely to be affected by air pollution: children less than 14 years of age; the elderly over 65 years of age; athletes; and people with cardiovascular and chronic respiratory diseases. According to the SCAQMD, sensitive receptors include residences, schools, playgrounds, child care centers, athletic facilities, long-term health care facilities, rehabilitation centers, convalescent centers, and retirement homes. While Jefferson Boulevard is largely a commercial corridor, there are residences and other sensitive receptors in the area. Existing and future sensitive receptors within 1,000 feet of the Project Site include but are not limited to the following:

- Cumulus multi-family residences under construction, 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard; approximately 710 feet northeast of the Project Site.
- Cameo Woods multi-family residences, 3648 Kalsman Drive; approximately 860 feet south of the Project Site.

In addition, there are residential neighborhoods beyond 1,000 feet to the north and east of the Project Site. These include residences east of La Cienega Boulevard approximately 1,060 feet east of the Project Site, as well as single-family homes on Fay Avenue approximately 1,070 feet northwest of the Project Site.

The Project Site is located in the Northwest Coastal LA SRA, one of 37 SRAs in the region. SCAQMD defines an SRA as a geographic area with relatively uniform ambient air quality based on local meteorology, terrain, sources, and other criteria that warrant continuous air quality monitoring.

Construction of the 5850 Project could expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations if maximum daily emissions of regulated pollutants generated by sources located on and/or near the Project Site exceeded the applicable LST thresholds, or if construction activities generated significant emissions of toxic air contaminants (TACs) that could result in carcinogenic risks or non-carcinogenic hazards exceeding the SCAQMD Air Quality Significance Thresholds of 10 excess cancers per million or non-carcinogenic Hazard Index greater than 1.0, respectively. As discussed above, the LST values were derived by the SCAQMD for the criteria pollutants NO<sub>X</sub>, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> to prevent the occurrence of concentrations exceeding the air quality standards at sensitive receptor locations based on proximity and construction site size.

As shown in Table 4.3-3, during construction of the 5850 Project, maximum daily localized unmitigated emissions of NO<sub>2</sub>, CO, PM<sub>10</sub>, and PM<sub>2.5</sub> from sources on the Project Site would remain below each of the respective LST values. Unmitigated maximum daily localized emissions would not exceed any of the localized standards for receptors that are generally within 200 meters of the 5850 Project's construction activities. Therefore, based on SCAQMD guidance, localized emissions of criteria pollutants would not have the potential to expose sensitive receptors to substantial concentrations that would present a public health concern. It should be noted that Mitigation Measure AQ1 from the Certified EIR calls for contractors to use best management practices that could further reduce criteria pollutant emissions. These BACMs could include but not be limited to using electricity from power poles rather than using diesel-powered generators, using super-compliant VOC coatings, and using materials that do not require painting, as feasible, all of which would further reduce emissions.

The primary TAC that would be generated by construction activities is diesel PM, which would be released from the exhaust stacks of construction equipment. The construction emissions modeling conservatively assumed that all equipment present on the Project Site would be operating simultaneously and continuously throughout most of the day, while in all likelihood this would rarely be the case. Average daily emissions of diesel PM would be less than one pound per day throughout the course of Project construction. Therefore, the magnitude of daily diesel PM emissions, would not be sufficient to result in substantial pollutant concentrations at off-site sensitive receptor locations nearby.

Furthermore, according to SCAQMD methodology, health risks from carcinogenic air toxics are usually described in terms of individual cancer risk. "Individual Cancer Risk" is the likelihood that a person exposed to concentrations of TACs over a 30-year period will contract cancer based on the use of standard risk-assessment methodology. The entire duration of construction activities associated with implementation of the 5850 Project is anticipated to be approximately 30 months, and the magnitude of daily diesel PM emissions will vary over this time period. No residual emissions and corresponding individual cancer risk are anticipated after construction. Because there is such a short-term exposure period, construction TAC emissions would result in a less than significant impact. Therefore, construction of the 5850 Project would not expose sensitive receptors to substantial diesel PM concentrations, and this impact would be less than significant.

#### Operation

Operational emissions of criteria pollutants would come from area sources and mobile sources. Area sources include natural gas for space heating and water heating, gasoline-powered landscaping and maintenance equipment, consumer products such as cleaning supplies, and architectural coatings for routine maintenance.

The 5850 Project would also produce long-term emissions to the region primarily from motor vehicles that access the Project Site. The 5850 Project could add up to approximately 2,910 vehicle trips on a peak weekday at the start of operations in 2023. <sup>15</sup> CalEEMod program generates estimates of emissions from energy use based on the land use type and size.

As shown in Table 4.3-4, during operation, the 5850 Project would not exceed the SCAQMD's regional or localized significance thresholds. Therefore, the operational impacts of the 5850 Project on regional and localized air quality are considered less than significant.

Table 4.3-4
Estimated Daily 5850 Project Operations Emissions - Unmitigated

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Daily Emissions (Pounds Per Day)							
VOC	NO <sub>X</sub>	CO	SO <sub>X</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>		
8	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1		
<1	1	1	<1	<1	<1		
6	27	81	<1	25	7		
1							
14	28	82	<1	25	7		
55	55	550	150	150	55		
No	No	No	No	No	No		
1	1			l .			
8	1	1	<1	<1	<1		
N/A	186	2,961	N/A	16	6		
N/A	No	No	N/A	No	No		
	VOC  8 <1 6  14 55 No  8 N/A	Daily E	Daily Emissions           VOC         NO <sub>X</sub> CO           8         <1	Daily Emissions (Pound   VOC   NO <sub>X</sub>   CO   SO <sub>X</sub>   8   <1   <1   <1   <1   <1   6   27   81   <1   <1   <1   <1   <1   <1   <1	Daily Emissions (Pounds Per Day)           VOC         NO <sub>X</sub> CO         SO <sub>X</sub> PM <sub>10</sub> 8         <1		

Source: DKA Planning, 2019 based on CalEEMod 2016.3.2 model runs (included in Appendix A).

LST analyses based on 2-acre site with 200-meter distances to receptors in Northwest Coastal LA County source receptor area. Though the Project Site is approximately 4.53 acres, this analysis conservatively used the thresholds for a smaller site, per SCAQMD guidance. SCAQMD LST thresholds are established for 1, 2, and 5 acres. Reliance on the smaller threshold of 2 acres ensures that the analysis holds the 5850 Project's impacts to a threshold more stringent than would otherwise be the case.

Gibson Transportation Consulting, "5850 West Jefferson Boulevard Transportation Analysis", June 2020, Appendix F.

#### Sensitive Receptors

The Project Site would be developed with land uses that are not typically associated with TAC emissions. Typical sources of acutely and chronically hazardous TACs include industrial manufacturing processes (e.g., chrome plating, electrical manufacturing, or petroleum refinery uses). The 5850 Project would not include these types of potential industrial manufacturing process sources. It is expected that quantities of hazardous TACs generated on-site (e.g., cleaning solvents, paints, landscape pesticides, etc.) for the proposed office uses would be below thresholds warranting further study under the California Accidental Release Program.

When considering potential air quality impacts under CEQA, consideration is given to the location of sensitive receptors within close proximity of land uses that emit TACs. CARB has published and adopted the Air Quality and Land Use Handbook: A Community Health Perspective, which provides recommendations regarding the siting of new sensitive land uses near potential sources of air toxic emissions (e.g., freeways, distribution centers, rail yards, ports, refineries, chrome plating facilities, dry cleaners, and gasoline dispensing facilities). The SCAQMD adopted similar recommendations in its Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning. Together, the CARB and SCAQMD guidelines recommend siting distances for both the development of sensitive land uses in proximity to TAC sources and the addition of new TAC sources in proximity to existing sensitive land uses.

The primary sources of potential air toxins associated with 5850 Project operations include DPM from delivery trucks (e.g., truck traffic on local streets and idling on adjacent streets) and to a lesser extent, facility operations (e.g., natural gas fired boilers). However, these activities, and the land uses associated with the 5850 Project, are not considered land uses that generate substantial TAC emissions. It should be noted that the SCAQMD recommends that health risk assessments (HRAs) be conducted for substantial individual sources of DPM (e.g., truck stops and warehouse distribution facilities that generate more than 100 trucks per day or more than 40 trucks with operating transport refrigeration units) and has provided guidance for analyzing mobile source diesel emissions. Based on this guidance, the 5850 Project would not include these types of land uses and is not considered to be a substantial source of DPM warranting a refined HRA since daily truck trips to the Project Site would not exceed 100 trucks per day or more than 40 trucks with operating transport refrigeration units. In addition, the CARB-mandated ATCM limits diesel-fueled commercial vehicles (delivery trucks) to idle for no more than 5 minutes at any given time, which would further limit diesel particulate emissions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> CARB, Air Quality and Land Use Handbook, a Community Health Perspective, April 2005.

SCAQMD, Guidance Document for Addressing Air Quality Issues in General Plans and Local Planning, May 6, 2005.

SCAQMD, Health Risk Assessment Guidance for Analyzing Cancer Risks from Mobile Source Diesel Idling Emissions for CEQA Air Quality Analysis, 2002.

As the 5850 Project would not contain substantial TAC sources and is consistent with the CARB and SCAQMD guidelines, the 5850 Project would not result in the exposure of off-site sensitive receptors to carcinogenic or toxic air contaminants that exceed the maximum incremental cancer risk of 10 in one million or an acute or chronic hazard index of 1.0, and potential TAC impacts would be less than significant.

The 5850 Project would generate long-term emissions on-site from area and energy sources that would generate negligible pollutant concentrations of CO, NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, or PM<sub>10</sub> at nearby sensitive receptors. While long-term operations of the 5850 Project would generate traffic that produces off-site emissions, these would not result in exceedances of CO air quality standards at roadways in the area due to three key factors. First, CO hotspots are extremely rare and only occur in the presence of unusual atmospheric conditions and extremely cold conditions, neither of which applies to this Project area. Second, auto-related emissions of CO continue to decline because of advances in fuel combustion technology in the vehicle fleet. Finally, the 5850 Project would not contribute to the levels of congestion that would be needed to produce the amount of emissions needed to trigger a potential CO hotspot.<sup>19</sup>

Based on the limited activity of TAC sources, the 5850 Project would not warrant the need for a health risk assessment associated with on-site activities and uses. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts would be less than significant.

#### **Odors**

The 5850 Project would not result in activities that create objectionable odors. The 5850 Project is a commercial office project that would not include any land uses typically associated with unpleasant odors and local nuisances (e.g., rendering facilities or dry cleaners). SCAQMD regulations that govern nuisances (i.e., Rule 402, Nuisances) would regulate any occasional odors. As a result, any odor impacts from the 5850 Project would be considered less than significant.

#### Conclusion

As demonstrated above, the 5850 Project would result in less than significant impacts related to air quality during both construction and operation. The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

While the analysis provided above demonstrates that implementation of the 5850 Project would not require any mitigation measures related to air quality, the 5850 Project would nevertheless implement Mitigation Measure AQ1 from the Certified EIR.

<sup>19</sup> Caltrans, Transportation Project-Level Carbon Monoxide Protocol, updated October 13, 2010.

## 4.3.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Instead, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to air quality were determined to be less than significant, which is less than the significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe air quality impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.3.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to air quality. No substantial changes in the environment have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new air quality impacts have been identified within the vicinity of the Project Site that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

### 4.3.5 EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

As stated above, the Certified EIR provided Mitigation Measure AQ1 to address impacts with respect to air quality during the construction of specific projects. While the analysis provided above demonstrates that implementation of the 5850 Project would not require any mitigation measures related to air quality, the 5850 Project would nevertheless implement Mitigation Measure AQ1 from the Certified EIR.

#### 4.3.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified impacts to air quality would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to air quality as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.4 Biological Resources

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	LOGICAL RESOURCES: Would project:					
(a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally-protected wetlands, (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes
(e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes
(f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

This section is based in part on the Certified EIR and the following item, which is included as **Appendix B** to this Addendum:

**B** Tree Survey, Land Images Landscape Architecture, August 2019.

### 4.4.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that the majority of the West Adams CPA is fully urbanized, containing primarily residential, commercial, and industrial development, although plant and animal habitats still exist, primarily within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area situated in the southwest boundary of the CPA. Most of the Community Plan development would be infill of existing urban spaces, and therefore, these projects are not expected to directly impact candidate, sensitive, or special status plant and animal species or habitats. Similarly, areas which have the capacity for more intense development, like the TOD areas, would not directly impact habitats which are considered significant for candidate, sensitive, or special status species. Furthermore, no changes in land use patterns would occur at the portion of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area that is located within the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to candidate, sensitive, or special status species.

Ballona Creek is the only significant water course in the West Adams CPA. However, within the CPA, Ballona Creek is a concrete-lined channel that does not support wetland flora or fauna. As the Community Plan did not change land use patterns within the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area, and with existing City Codes and regulatory requirements, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts to riparian habitats and wetlands.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA does not act as a true wildlife corridor, movement pathway, or linkage of note between larger habitat areas for terrestrial wildlife. However, trees within the West Adams CPA could potentially support migratory birds, which could be impacted during construction activities. Mitigation Measure BR1 would ensure the protection of native nesting birds during construction of a specific project. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure BR1, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to migratory birds.

Specific development and infrastructure projects also have the potential to result in the loss of protected trees within the West Adams CPA. Mitigation Measure BR2 would ensure projects follow the City of Los Angeles Tree Preservation Ordinance including provisions to either protect in place the existing protected trees in or adjacent to the project site. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure BR2, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to tree preservation. Currently, there are no species identified within the West Adams CPA that are protected by the Endangered Species Act and thus, no applicable habitat conservation plans are identified for the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to habitat conservation plans.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measures were included in the Certified EIR to reduce impacts related to biological resources to less than significant:

- Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that in order to prevent the disturbance of nesting native and/or migratory bird species, all clearing of a project site should take place between September 1 and February 14. If construction is scheduled or ongoing during bird nesting season (February 15 to August 31), qualified biologists shall survey the area within 200 feet (or up to 300 feet, depending on topography or other factors, and 500 feet for raptors) of the construction activity to determine if construction would disturb nesting birds. If nesting activity is being compromised, construction shall be suspended in the vicinity of the nest until fledging is complete. This mitigation measure shall be implemented by a qualified biologist under contract with the project applicant(s). The project biologist should prepare a report detailing the results of the construction monitoring efforts. The report should be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) within two months of the completion of the monitoring activities.
- BR2 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", shall ensure that during the final design phase of the proposed project, and prior to the start of the demolition/construction phase, the project applicant shall submit a final landscape plan to the City of Los Angeles for approval by the City's Chief Forester and the Director of the Bureau of Street Services. The final landscape plan shall include provisions to either protect in place the existing protected trees in or adjacent to the project site, per the requirements of the City of Los Angeles Tree Preservation Ordinance.

## 4.4.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The Project Site currently contains a surface parking lot and an existing media production building, and the 5850 Project would develop an approximately 344,947 square foot office building in place of the existing surface parking lot. As stated above, the majority of the CPA is fully urbanized. As the Project Site is currently fully developed, development of the 5850 Project would not result in the removal of any habitat. Further, the 5850 Project would not alter land use patterns at the portion of the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area that is located within the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new significant impacts related to candidate, sensitive, or special status species.

In addition, there are no riparian areas located on or adjacent to the Project Site. While the Ballona Creek is located west of the Project Site across Jefferson Boulevard, it is not identified by the US National Wetlands Inventory as Riparian. Therefore, the 5850 Project would result in no impact with respect to riparian habitats.

There are no wetlands or water features on the Project Site. While the Ballona Creek is located west of the Project Site across Jefferson Boulevard, it is a channelized area completely

surrounded by urban uses, including light industrial and commercial uses. Further, as stated in the Certified EIR, the Ballona Creek does not support wetland flora or fauna. Therefore, the 5850 Project would have a less than significant impact with respect to wetlands.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA does not act as a true wildlife corridor, movement pathway, or linkage of note between larger habitat areas for terrestrial wildlife. However, trees on the Project Site could potentially support migratory birds, which could be impacted during construction activities. Mitigation Measure BR1 from the Certified EIR would ensure the protection of native nesting birds during construction of the 5850 Project. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure BR1, the 5850 Project would result in a less than significant impact with respect to migratory birds.

The tree survey prepared for the Project Site (included in Appendix B) shows the existing trees located on the Project Site and notes whether they would be removed or preserved as a result of the 5850 Project. As shown, the 5850 Project would result in the removal of 17 *Koelreutaria Bipinata* trees that are over eight inches in diameter breast height (DBH). These trees would be replaced in accordance with the existing tree replacement requirements of the City's Division of Urban Forestry. As stated on the tree survey, there are no City of Los Angeles protected trees located on the Project Site. As the 5850 Project would not remove any protected trees (as none are located on the Project Site), Mitigation Measure BR2 from the Certified EIR would not apply to the 5850 Project. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not conflict with any tree preservation policy or ordinance and impacts would be less than significant.

Finally, as stated in the Certified EIR, there are no species identified within the West Adams CPA that are protected by the Endangered Species Act, and thus, no applicable habitat conservation plans are identified for the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the 5850 Project would also result in a less than significant impact related to habitat conservation plans.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement and comply with Mitigation Measure BR1 from the Certified EIR. Mitigation Measure BR2 is not applicable to the 5850 Project, as there are no City of Los Angeles protected trees on the Project Site.

## 4.4.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.4.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to biological resources. No substantial changes in the environment related to biological resources

have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new biological resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

### 4.4.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement and comply with Mitigation Measure BR1 from the Certified EIR.

#### 4.4.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts to biological resources or a substantial increase in previously identified biological resource impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the adoption of the 5850 Project does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

### 4.5 Cultural Resources

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	LTURAL RESOURCES: Would the ject:					
(a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	No
(b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15064.5?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes
(c)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes

### 4.5.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that there are various City, State, and federally-designated historical resources in the West Adams CPA, including Historic-Cultural Monuments (HCMs) and Historic Preservation Overlay Zones (HPOZs). The Community Plan contains numerous policies and programs to protect significant historic resources and does not include modifications to historical resources or historic districts in the West Adams CPA. Development that would occur under the Community Plan has the potential to occur near or adjacent to designated historical resources, as well as on properties that are eligible for designation as historical resources, which could impact historical resources either through direct effects to historical resources, or through indirect effects to the area surrounding a resource. Mitigation Measures CR1 through CR3 would reduce impacts to historical resources. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measures CR1 through CR3, the Certified EIR determined that the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to historical resources.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is highly disturbed and any archaeological resources that may have existed at the surface have likely been disturbed by past development. However, according to the Certified EIR, there is reasonable potential that the development that would occur under the Community Plan would be located on a site with previously unknown archaeological resources. Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8 would reduce impacts to archaeological resources. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to archaeological resources. As stated in the Certified EIR, the potential to disturb any human remains interred outside of formal cemeteries within the West

Adams CPA is considered low, given the level of past human activity. However, it is possible that unknown human remains could be located on sites developed under the Community Plan. Mitigation Measure CR10 would reduce impacts to human remains. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure CR10, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to human remains.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measures were included in the Certified EIR to reduce impacts related to cultural resources to less than significant:

- **CR1** Before approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" involving properties designated as Historic-Cultural Monuments or listed in or determined eligible for the National Register or California Register, the project shall be reviewed by the Department of City Planning Office of Historic Resources.
- **CR2** Before approval of any building permits for a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", developed in a Historic Preservation Overlay Zones, the City shall require written approval from the Department of City Planning Office of Historic Resources.
- CR3 Before approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project", involving properties identified in the SurveyLA Historic Resources Survey Report: "West Adams Baldwin Hills Leimert Community Plan Area" as eligible for listing, the City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources (OHR) shall find that the project is consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation or that upon further review or study, the property is not eligible for designation as a historic resource.
- Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that prior to excavation and construction on a proposed project site, the project applicant shall perform a cultural resources literature and records search by an institution recognized and approved by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department to assess the potential for the proposed project site to contain sensitive protected cultural resources.
- CR5 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that prior to excavation and construction on a proposed project site, the prime construction contractor and any subcontractor(s) shall be cautioned on the legal and/or regulatory implications of knowingly destroying cultural resources or removing artifacts, human remains, bottles, and other cultural materials from the proposed project site.
- CR6 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if during any phase of project construction any cultural materials are encountered, construction activities within a 50-meter radius shall be halted immediately, and the project applicant shall notify the City. A qualified prehistoric archaeologist (as approved by the City) shall be retained by the project applicant and shall be allowed to conduct a

more detailed inspection and examination of the exposed cultural materials. During this time, excavation and construction would not be allowed in the immediate vicinity of the find. However, those activities could continue in other areas of the project site.

- **CR7** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if any find were determined to be significant by the archaeologist, the City and the archaeologist would meet to determine the appropriate course of action.
- **CR8** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that all cultural materials recovered from the site would be subject to scientific analysis, professional museum curation, and a report prepared according to current professional standards.
- CR9<sup>20</sup>Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that during excavation and grading, if paleontological resources are uncovered, all work in that area shall cease and be diverted so as to allow for a determination of the value of the resource. Construction activities in that area may commence once the uncovered resources are collected by a paleontologist and properly processed. Any paleontological remains and/or reports and surveys shall be submitted to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum.
- CR10 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if human remains are unearthed at a project site during construction, work at the specific construction site at which the remains have been uncovered shall be suspended, and the City of Los Angeles Public Works Department and County coroner shall be immediately notified. No further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are determined to be those of a Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in Sacramento shall be contacted before the remains are removed in accordance with Section 21083.2 of the California Public Resources Code.

## 4.5.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The Project Site currently contains a surface parking lot and an existing media production building that was built in 2017, and that would remain on-site. The 5850 Project would develop an approximately 344,947 square foot office building in place of the existing surface parking lot. The Project Site is not located within a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, nor was the Project

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Mitigation Measure CR9 was provided in the Cultural Resources section of the Certified EIR. However, as a result of the changes to the CEQA Guidelines described previously in Section 3 of this Addendum, the issue of paleontological resources is now addressed within the Geology and Soils section. Therefore, for the 5850 Project, Mitigation Measure CR9 is discussed under Geology and Soils, further below.

Site identified in SurveyLA. Therefore, development of the 5850 Project would not result in any impacts with respect to historic resources.

The 5850 Project would be located in an urbanized area on a Site that has been previously developed. While unlikely, it is possible that unknown archaeological resources or human remains could exist at the Project Site and could be encountered during excavation for the four proposed subterranean parking levels. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be subject to Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8, which would minimize impacts in the event archaeological resources are encountered during construction. In addition, the 5850 Project would also implement Mitigation Measure CR10, which would minimize impacts in the event any human remains are encountered during construction. Implementation of Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8, and CR10, would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to archaeological resources and human remains are less than significant. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8, and CR10, from the Certified EIR. Mitigation Measure CR3 is not applicable to the 5850 Project, as the Project Site has not been identified in SurveyLA. Based on changes to the CEQA Guidelines, described previously in Section 3 of this Addendum, the issue of paleontological resources is now addressed as part of the Geology and Soils analysis. Therefore, the discussion of Mitigation Measure CR9 as it relates to the 5850 Project has been provided under Geology and Soils, further below.

# 4.5.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.5.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to cultural resources. No substantial changes in the environment related to cultural resources have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new cultural resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

## 4.5.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measures CR4 through CR8, and CR10, from the Certified EIR. Implementation of these measures would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to archaeological resources and human remains are less than significant. No additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.5.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts to cultural resources or a substantial increase in previously identified cultural resource impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the adoption of the 5850 Project does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.6 Energy

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
ENERGY: Would the project:					
(a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

### 4.6.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

As stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan's estimated additional fuel consumption represents less than one percent of petroleum fuel demand in 2008 within Los Angeles County. In addition, the Community Plan includes many beneficial elements aimed to encourage alternative modes of travel, such as the creation of more pedestrian friendly environments around transit stations and the provision of bicycle facilities along major corridors. Moreover, the Community Plan increases development near TOD areas. Accordingly, this reduces automobile reliance and related fuel consumption by providing housing opportunities for the community within close proximity to transit, as well as local-serving businesses, employment opportunities and retail. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to petroleum.

The Certified EIR states there is no need for new (off-site) electrical generation facilities or major enhancements to accommodate the Community Plan. Moreover, additional electricity required by the development contemplated in the Community Plan would not exceed the electricity generation potential of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) or the capacity of the distribution infrastructure. New development occurring from buildout of the Community Plan would be subject to Title 24, Part 6 of the California Administrative Code, the Energy Efficiency Standards for Residential and Nonresidential Buildings, and the City of Los Angeles' Green Building Code Energy Efficiency requirements. Consequently, as projects are built within the West Adams CPA, they will be in compliance with all applicable energy conservation plans and policies of the City. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to electricity.

Regarding natural gas, the Certified EIR states that development contemplated in the

Community Plan would consume less than 0.01 percent of SoCalGas' 2030 projected available supply. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to natural gas.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Impacts related to energy were determined to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures were required.

## 4.6.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the electricity and natural gas demand for the 5850 Project were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR. Consistent with the Certified EIR, the 5850 Project would be served by LADWP and SoCalGas supplies, which have an obligation to serve the Project Site. Further, the 5850 Project would not change or increase the permitted square footage for the Project Site beyond what was analyzed in the Certified EIR. As shown in Table 4.6-1, the 5850 Project would result in a projected on-site demand for electricity totaling approximately 6,700,830 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, approximately 6,701 megawatt hours (mWh) per year, or approximately 18,358 kWh per day.

Table 4.6-1 5850 Project Electricity Demand

Land Use	Total (kWh/yr) <sup>1</sup>		
Office	4,572,480		
Enclosed Parking with Elevator	2,128,350		
Project Total	6,700,830		

sf =square feet kWh = kilowatt-hour yr = year

Calculated via CalEEMod. Refer to Appendix A.

Note: LADWP does not provide or comment on generation rates to provide an estimate of demand.

Based on LADWP's 2016 Power Integrated Resource Plan, LADWP forecasts that its total energy sales in the 2022–2023 fiscal year (the 5850 Project's buildout year) will be 24,403 GWh of electricity. As such, the Project-related net increase in annual electricity consumption of approximately 6,701 MWh per year would represent approximately 0.02 percent of LADWP's projected sales in 2022-2023. Thus, there is adequate supply capacity to serve the Project. Therefore, the LADWP's current and planned electricity supplies would be sufficient to support

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LADWP defines its future electricity supplies in terms of sales that will be realized at the meter.

LADWP, 2016 Power Integrated Resource Plan, January 2017, Appendix A.

the 5850 Project's electricity consumption. The 5850 Project would not require the acquisition of additional electricity supplies beyond those that exist or anticipated by the LADWP. Further, the 5850 Project would be in compliance with Title 24 of the CCR (CalGreen) requiring building energy efficiency standards, and would also be in compliance with the LA Green Building Code. Electrical service would be provided in accordance with the LADWP's Rules Governing Water and Electric Service. It should also be noted that the 5850 Project's estimated electricity consumption is based on usage rates that do not account for the 5850 Project's energy conservation features or updates to the Los Angeles Building Code. This represents a conservative (worst-case scenario) approach. Therefore, actual electricity consumption from the 5850 Project would likely be lower than that forecasted. Based on the above analysis, the 5850 Project's impacts related to the consumption of electricity would be less than significant.

As shown in Table 4.6-2, the 5850 Project would result in a projected on-site demand for natural gas totaling approximately 3,664,320 kBTU per year (or 3,571,462 cubic feet [cf] per year, assuming 1 cf = 1.026 kBTU), or approximately 10,039 kBTU per day (9,785 cf per day). Based on the 2016 California Gas Report, the California Energy and Electric Utilities estimates natural gas consumption within SoCalGas' planning area will be approximately 2,456 million cf per day in 2025 (the closest subsequent year to the 5850 Project's 2023 buildout year). The 5850 Project would account for approximately 0.0004 percent of the 2025 forecasted consumption in SoCalGas' planning area, and thus there would be adequate supply to serve the 5850 Project.

Table 4.6-2 5850 Project Natural Gas Demand

Land Use	Total (kBTU/yr) <sup>1</sup>		
Office	3,664,320		
Enclosed Parking with Elevator	0		
Project Total	3,664,320		

sf = square feet kBTU = 1,000 British thermal units <math>yr = year

Note: SoCalGas does not provide or comment on generation rates to provide an estimate of demand.

The 5850 Project operation would result in the irreversible consumption use of non-renewable natural gas and would thus limit the availability of this resource. However, the continued use of natural gas would be on a relatively small scale and consistent with regional and local growth expectations for the area. The 5850 Project would be in compliance with the City's Green Building Ordinance and would thus exceed the standards in Title 24 of the CCR requiring building energy efficiency standards. Therefore, because of energy efficient design features,

Calculated via CalEEMod. Refer to Appendix A.

LADWP Rules Governing Water and Electric Service: http://netinfo.ladbs.org/ladbsec.nsf/d3450fd072c7344c882564e5005d0db4/0476e63f972b28e288256b79007c417d/\$FILE/Rule %2016-d.pdf.

California Gas and Electric Utilities, 2016 California Gas Report, p. 97.

compliance with the Green Building Ordinance, adequate projected supply and the obligation of SCG to service the Project Site, 5850 Project impacts related to natural gas would be less than significant.

Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the previously adopted EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

## 4.6.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

### 4.6.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to energy. No substantial changes in the environment related to energy have occurred since certification of the EIR. Finally, as it has been determined the 5850 Project will not result in any significant energy impacts, a review of feasible mitigation measures is not required.

## 4.6.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact

Because the Certified EIR determined that the Project would have less than significant impacts with respect to energy, no mitigation measures were required. The 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.6.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts to energy or a substantial increase in previously identified energy impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the adoption of the 5850 Project does not meet the conditions for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.7 Geology and Soils

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
GEOLOGY AND SOILS: Would the project:					
(a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk or loss, injury or death involving:					
(i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(ii)Strong seismic ground shaking?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(iv) Landslides?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in onor off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18- 1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?	Less Than Significant With Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following items, which are included as **Appendix C** to this Addendum:

- **C-1** <u>Geotechnical Engineering Update Study,</u> Advanced Geotechnical Services, Inc., November 20, 2014.
- **C-2** Geology and Soils Report Approval Letter, Department of Building and Safety, May 13, 2015.
- **C-3** <u>Surface Fault Rupture Hazard Investigation</u>, Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Inc., January 16, 2020.
- **C-4** Geology Report Approval Letter, Department of Building and Safety, February 4, 2020.

## 4.7.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

#### Construction

The Certified EIR stated that construction related to implementation of the Community Plan would not affect seismicity. However, implementation of the Community Plan involves new construction, which would result in an increase in grading and subsequent erosion and loss of topsoil within the West Adams CPA. The Los Angeles Building Code includes specific requirements addressing seismic design, site grading, foundation design, cut and fill slope design, soil expansion, geologic investigations and reports before and during construction, retaining walls, soil and rock testing, basement walls, shoring of adjacent properties, potential primary and secondary seismic effects, and groundwater. The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) is responsible for implementing the provisions of the Los Angeles Building Code. All earthwork and grading activities associated with the Community Plan would require grading permits from LADBS that include requirements and standards designed to limit potential impacts related to soil erosion, unstable soils, and expansive soils. Implementation of the City's codes, regulatory requirements, standard grading and building permit requirements, and the application of Best Management Practices (BMPs), would ensure that potential impacts from erosion or loss of topsoils, unstable soils, and expansive soils would be less than significant during construction. As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is currently served by City-owned wastewater treatment and disposal facilities and does not utilize a septic system. Therefore, no impacts related to septic tanks would occur.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is highly disturbed and any paleontological resources that may have existed at the surface have likely been disturbed by past development. However, according to the Certified EIR, there is reasonable potential that the development that would occur under the Community Plan would be located on a site with previously unknown paleontological resources. Mitigation Measure CR9 would reduce impacts to paleontological resources. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure CR9, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to paleontological resources.

## Operation

The Certified EIR noted that small areas along the southwestern boundary of the West Adams CPA have been mapped as Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones. Specifically, the proposed Jefferson and La Cienega TOD Subarea is located within an Alguist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone. The Certified EIR stated that the increased intensity of development within certain portions of the West Adams CPA would result in a greater number of people exposed to potential seismic hazards. However, any new structures constructed within the West Adams CPA would be required to comply with the seismic safety guidelines in the City's General Plan Safety Element, as well as the seismic safety requirements in the CBC and the City of Los Angles Building Code. In addition, redevelopment would likely result in the replacement of old buildings that are not built to current seismic standards with new buildings that meet the most recent building codes and regulations, reducing the risk of loss, injury or death as a result of seismic activity. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to fault rupture and ground shaking. As stated in the Certified EIR, prior to construction of new structures in liquefaction-prone areas, a site-specific geotechnical evaluation is required that would specifically address and include measures to minimize liquefaction. Any new development under the Community Plan would comply with the recommendations identified in the geotechnical evaluation, as well as the City of Los Angeles Building and Grading Codes and any specific requirements established by the Department of Public Works and/or the City Engineer. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to liquefaction. Portions of the West Adams CPA that are susceptible to landslides have not been identified as areas of change under the Community Plan. Therefore, under the Community Plan, no impacts related to landslides would occur. Finally, the West Adams CPA is currently served by City- owned wastewater treatment and disposal facilities and does not utilize a septic system. Therefore, no impacts related to septic tanks would occur with implementation of the Community Plan.

## **Mitigation Measures**

The following mitigation measure was included in the Certified EIR to reduce impacts related to paleontological resources to less than significant:<sup>25</sup>

Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that during excavation and grading, if paleontological resources are uncovered, all work in that area shall cease and be diverted so as to allow for a determination of the value of the resource. Construction activities in that area may commence once the uncovered resources are collected by a paleontologist and properly processed. Any paleontological

Mitigation Measure CR9 was provided in the Cultural Resources section of the Certified EIR. However, as a result of the changes to the CEQA Guidelines described previously in Section 3 of this Addendum, the issue of paleontological resources is now addressed within the Geology and Soils section.

remains and/or reports and surveys shall be submitted to the Los Angeles County Natural History Museum.

# 4.7.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

#### Seismic Hazards

The California Geological Survey (CGS) establishes regulatory zones around active faults, called Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zones (previously called Special Study Zones). These zones, which extend from 200 to 500 feet on each side of the known fault, identify areas where a potential surface fault rupture could prove hazardous for buildings used for human occupancy. Development projects located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone are required to prepare special geotechnical studies to characterize hazards from any potential surface ruptures. In addition, the City designates Fault Rupture Study Areas along the sides of active and potentially active faults to establish areas of potential hazard due to fault rupture.

According to the <u>Geotechnical Engineering Update Study</u> prepared for the Project Site (included in Appendix C-1), the Project Site is located within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone associated with the Newport Inglewood Fault. Based on the Project Site's location within an Alquist-Priolo Fault Zone, a <u>Surface Fault Rupture Hazard Investigation</u> was also prepared for the Project Site (included in Appendix C-3). The purpose of the additional fault-rupture study was to evaluate the potential for surface rupture from faulting at the Project Site,

The Project Site is within the Ballona Gap of the Los Angeles Basin, approximately one-half mile north of the Baldwin Hills. Several subsurface geotechnical investigations have been previously performed at the Project Site. A geotechnical investigation was performed in 2001, and included 9 rotary wash borings ranging from 15 to 50 feet in depth and 9 Cone Penetrometer Tests (CPTs) ranging in depth from 15 to 50 feet. A second subsurface geotechnical investigation was performed in 2003, and included 6 rotary wash borings ranging in depth from 20 to 50 feet and 10 CPTs ranging in depth from 30 to 50 feet. Fault rupture assessments were performed in 2004, 2014, and 2015. In total, one continuous core boring 55 feet in depth and 25 CPTs ranging in depth from 7 to 75 feet were excavated as part of the these fault rupture assessments. For the additional fault rupture study (included in Appendix C-3), an additional four continuous core borings were installed to depths 100 feet below ground surface (bgs) and two continuous core borings were installed to depths 60 feet bgs. Based on the current and prior borings, the Project Site is underlain by artificial fill, alluvium, and Inglewood Formation bedrock. The artificial fill on-site ranges in thickness from a few feet to 30 feet, and consists of mixtures and layers of sand, silt, and chunks of bedrock material. The artificial fill is presumed to have been placed primarily during infilling of the historic Ballona Creek channel. The encountered alluvial deposits consist of silty sand, sand, and silt. Gravels are present locally and at the base of the alluvium in some of the current and prior continuous core borings. The Inglewood Formation bedrock is a marine very fine sandy siltstone with local fine thin sand and clayey beds. The bedrock is predominantly thin bedded to laminated with some fine scale cross

bedding. The bedrock is intact with no fracturing evident other than mechanical (induced during the coring process).

A basal sand and gravel in the alluvium above the bedrock contact at an elevation of 70 to 78.5 feet (referred to as the 75 foot gravel) has been identified in the borings and CPTs in the south central and southeastern portions of the Project Site. The top of the bedrock elevations in the north central and western portions of the Project Site are deeper than the 75 foot gravel erosional surface. The contours of the Project Site delineate a northeast-southwest trending channel structure at elevation 52 to 55 feet (referred to as 52-55 foot gravel), with risers, or side slopes, passing upward through elevations 61 to 66 feet. The base of alluvial gravels/top of the bedrock represents two separate paleogeomorphic surfaces of different ages. The 52-55 foot gravel is interpreted to represent an LA River paleochannel trending northwest-southeast across the Project Site and continuing to the east-northeast, based on elevations on the top of bedrock. The 75 foot gravel is present across the remainder of the Project Site, and is inferred to be Holocene age, based on the lack of a soil developed in them and because they incise older topography. The terrace rise associated with the 52-55 foot gravel shows a northeast linear trend across the Project Site, which demonstrates the absence of a major fault crossing the Site, as the Inglewood Fault, if there, would have offset this riser in a recognizable way. According to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, these observations demonstrate that the Inglewood Fault must lie to the southwest of the Project Site. The Grading Division of LADBS reviewed the Surface Fault Rupture Hazard Investigation and provided a Geology Report Approval Letter approving the report acceptable (see approval letter contained in Appendix C-4 of this Addendum). Therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to surface rupture would be less than significant.

The Project Site is located in the seismically active Southern California region. Given the Project Site's location in a seismically active region, the Project Site could experience seismic groundshaking in the event of an earthquake. However, as with any new development in the State of California, building design and construction for the 5850 Project would be required to conform to the current seismic design provisions of the California Building Code. The 2016 California Building Code incorporates the latest seismic design standards for structural loads and materials as well as provisions from the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program to minimize losses from an earthquake and provide for the latest in earthquake safety. Additionally, construction of the 5850 Project would be required to adhere to the seismic safety requirements contained in the LABC, as well as the applicable recommendations provided in the geotechnical investigations required by the City to minimize seismic-related hazards. The 5850 Project consists of an office development and does not include any characteristics that would result in the exacerbation of existing environmental conditions with regard to seismic ground shaking. Adherence to current building codes and engineering practices would ensure that the 5850 Project would not expose people, property or infrastructure to seismically induced ground shaking hazards that are greater than the average risk associated with locations in the Southern California region, and would minimize the potential to expose people or structures to substantial risk, loss, or injury. Based on the above, development of the 5850 Project would not exacerbate seismic conditions on the Project Site. With compliance with existing regulatory requirements, 5850 Project impacts associated with seismic ground shaking would be less than significant.

The Project Site is located in an area designated as potentially liquefiable on the *Seismic Hazard Zones* maps of the Hollywood and Beverly Hills Quadrangles. A liquefaction analysis of the earth materials within the Project Site was performed in 2005, as part of a previous geotechnical investigation. That analysis determined that the earth materials underlying the Project Site would not be considered liquefiable. The geotechnical investigation included in Appendix C-1 (November 2014) notes that some of the criteria for liquefaction analysis changed in 2008, and states that the revised fine grained soil criteria and ground accelerations would not affect the previous liquefaction determination for the Project Site. Therefore, the soils underlying the Project Site would not be considered liquefiable and the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to liquefaction would be considered less than significant.

### Landslides

As stated in the Geotechnical Engineering Update Study (included as Appendix C-1 of this Addendum), the Project Site is relatively flat with an estimated three to four feet of elevation difference across the Project Site. In addition, the Project Site is not identified by ZIMAS as being located within a landslide hazard zone. Therefore, potential impacts associated with landslides would be less than significant.

#### **Erosion**

The Project Site is completely developed with impervious surfaces, including the existing commercial building and surface parking lot. During the 5850 Project's construction phase, activities such as excavation for the four subterranean parking levels, grading, and site preparation could leave soils at the Project Site susceptible to soil erosion. The Project would be required to comply with SCAQMD Rule 403 - Fugitive Dust to minimize wind and water-borne erosion at the Project Site, as well as prepare and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), in accordance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity and Land Disturbance Activities. The site-specific SWPPP would be prepared prior to earthwork activities and would be implemented during 5850 Project construction. The SWPPP would include BMPs and erosion control measures to prevent pollution in storm water discharge. Typical BMPs that could be used during construction include good-housekeeping practices (e.g., street sweeping, proper waste disposal, vehicle and equipment maintenance, concrete washout area, materials storage, minimization of hazardous materials, proper handling and storage of hazardous materials, etc.) and erosion/sediment control measures (e.g., silt fences, fiber rolls, gravel bags, storm water inlet protection, and soil stabilization measures, etc.). The SWPPP would be subject to review and approval by the City for compliance with the City's Development Best Management Practices Handbook, Part A, Construction Activities. Additionally, all 5850 Project construction activities would comply with the City's grading permit regulations, which require the implementation of grading and dust control measures, including a wet weather erosion control plan if construction occurs during rainy season, as well as inspections to ensure that sedimentation and erosion is minimized. Through compliance with

these existing regulations, the 5850 Project would not result in any significant impacts related to soil erosion during the construction phase. Therefore, with compliance with applicable regulatory requirements, development of the 5850 Project would not cause or exacerbate soil erosion or loss of topsoil, and impacts regarding soil erosion or the loss of topsoil would be less than significant.

## **Soil Stability**

As discussed previously, the soils underlying the Project Site are considered liquefiable. In addition, the Project Applicant would be required by LADBS, as part of the permitting process, to prepare (or have prepared) a Final Geotechnical Investigation that would confirm the building standards and recommendations that shall be followed in order to construct the proposed structure in accordance with building standards that apply to building within the types of soils found at the Project Site, including areas prone to geologic or soil instability. Through compliance with the LABC and recommendations included in the Final Geotechnical Report, impacts related to geologic and soil instability would be less than significant.

## **Septic Tanks**

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is currently served by City-owned wastewater treatment and disposal facilities and does not utilize a septic system. The 5850 Project would connect to the City's existing sewer system and would not require the use of septic tanks for alternative wastewater disposal systems. Thus, the 5850 Project would not result in any impacts related to soils that are incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems. Therefore, no impacts related to this issue would occur as a result of the 5850 Project.

### **Paleontological Resources**

The 5850 Project would be located in an urbanized area on a Site that has been previously developed. While unlikely, it is possible that unknown paleontological resources could exist at the Project Site and could be encountered during excavation for the four proposed subterranean parking levels. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be subject to Mitigation Measure CR9, which would minimize impacts in the event paleontological resources are encountered during construction. Implementation of Mitigation Measure CR9 would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to paleontological resources are less than significant. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure CR9 from the Certified EIR.

## 4.7.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.7.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to geology and soils. No substantial changes in the environment related to geology and soils have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no areas that are susceptible to geology and soil impacts have been identified within the vicinity of the Project Site that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

## 4.7.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure CR9 from the Certified EIR. Implementation of this measure would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to geology and soils (paleontological resources) are less than significant. No additional mitigation measures are required.

## 4.7.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant geology and soils impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified geology and soils impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to geology and soils as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.8 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS: Would the project:					
(a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
(b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following item, which is included as **Appendix A** to this Addendum:

A Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Technical Modeling, DKA Planning, August 2019.

## 4.8.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

### Construction

The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan could result in a number of construction projects occurring simultaneously every year. According to the Certified EIR, strong economic years would typically lead to increased development projects and above average emissions. Conversely, weak economic years would experience fewer projects and below average emissions. In addition, equipment emissions would decrease in future years as engines become more efficient under new regulations. Construction-related greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions cannot be avoided during construction of any project. The new Community Plan does not increase construction GHG emissions beyond what is anticipated for construction GHG emissions under the prior Community Plan. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to construction-related GHG emissions. In addition, as stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan would not impede implementation of GHG reducing measures. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to applicable construction plans, policies, and regulations.

## Operation

According to the Certified EIR, long-term project emissions would be generated by on-road vehicles, general electricity use, water-related electricity use, wastewater management, solid

waste decomposition, and natural gas use. The Certified EIR stated that the increase in emissions would have the potential to interfere with implementation of the ClimateLA plan, and subsequently could interfere with the State's ability to meet its goals under AB 32. Therefore, without mitigation, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant impact related to operational GHG emissions. Moreover, the Community Plan's overall growth in population and development results in higher total emissions that would interfere with GHG reduction plans. Therefore, without mitigation, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would also result in a significant operational impact related to GHG plans, policies, and regulations. Mitigation Measure GHG1 was provided to reduce greenhouse gas emissions during operation of future developments. Nonetheless, the Certified EIR concluded that impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions and applicable plans, policies, and regulations would remain significant and unavoidable.

## **Mitigation Measures**

- **GHG1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that the following greenhouse gas reduction measures are incorporated into the project design:
  - Install energy efficient lighting (e.g., light emitting diodes), heating and cooling systems, appliances, equipment, and control systems).
  - Install light colored "cool" roofs and cool pavements.
  - Create water-efficient landscapes.
  - Install water-efficient fixtures and appliances.

## 4.8.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to greenhouse gas emissions were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

## **Consistency with Applicable Plans and Policies**

The discussion below describes the extent to which the 5850 Project complies with or exceeds the performance-based standards included in the regulations outlined in the *Climate Change Scoping Plan*, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, the LA Green Plan, and the Sustainable City pLAn. As shown herein, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the applicable GHG reduction plans and policies. The analysis provided further below (see specifically Tables 4.8-5 and 4.8-6) quantifies GHG emissions from construction and operation of the 5850 Project and addresses CEQA Guidelines question (a) regarding whether GHG emissions would directly or indirectly have a significant impact on the environment.

## Statewide: Climate Change Scoping Plan

The goal to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 (Executive Order S-3-05) was codified by the Legislature as the 2006 Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32). In 2008, CARB approved a *Climate Change Scoping Plan* as required by AB 32 that has been updated over time to reflect updated strategies. In 2014, CARB approved the First Update to the Climate Change Scoping Plan, calling out key priorities for near-term 2020 emission reduction goals, and evaluating how to align the long-term term GHG goals with other resource priorities like water, waste, and transportation. Subsequently, SB 32 was approved in 2016, calling for deeper GHG emissions reductions by 2030. Provided in Table 4.8-1 is an evaluation of the 5850 Project's consistency with applicable reduction actions/strategies by emissions source category outlined in the 2008 and 2014 *Climate Change Scoping Plan*. As discussed therein, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the GHG reduction-related actions and strategies of the 2008 and 2014 *Climate Change Scoping Plan Update*.

The 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan built upon those goals identified in the 2014 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update and addresses the 2030 horizon. It includes a range of GHG reduction actions that include direct regulations, alternative compliance mechanisms, monetary and non-monetary incentives, voluntary actions, market-based mechanisms such as a cap-and-trade system, and an AB 32 implementation fee to fund the program. The following discussion demonstrates how the pertinent reduction actions relate to and reduce project-related GHG emissions. Table 4.8-2 provides an evaluation of the 5850 Project's consistency with applicable reduction actions/strategies by emissions source category outlined in the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update. As discussed therein, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the GHG reduction-related actions and strategies of the 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan Update. Although a number of these measures are currently established as policies and measures, some measures have not yet been formally proposed or adopted. It is expected that these measures or similar actions to reduce GHG emissions will be adopted as required to achieve statewide GHG emissions targets.

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Climate Change Proposed Scoping Plan was approved by CARB on December 11, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> An evaluation of stationary sources is not necessary, as the stationary sources emissions will be created by emergency generators that would only be used in an emergency.

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	Responsible	
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Energy		
California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program: Senate Bill 2X modified California's RPS program to require that both public and investorowned utilities in California receive at least 33 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by the year 2020. California Senate Bill 2X also requires regulated sellers of electricity to meet an interim milestone of procuring 25 percent of their energy supply from certified renewable resources by 2016.	LADWP	<b>No Conflict.</b> LADWP's commitment to achieve 35 percent renewables by 2020 would exceed the requirement under the RPS program of 33 percent renewables by 2020. In 2017, LADWP indicated that 29 percent of its electricity came from renewable resources in Year 2016. <sup>a</sup> As LADWP would provide electricity service to the Project Site, the 5850 Project would use electricity that is produced consistent with this performance-based standard. Electricity-related GHG emissions assume that LADWP will receive at least 33 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2020.
Senate Bill 350 (SB 350): The Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015 increases the standards of the California RPS program by requiring that the amount of electricity generated and sold to retail customers per year from eligible renewable energy resources be increased to 50 percent by 2030 and also requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to double the energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas final end uses of retail customers through energy efficiency and conservation. <sup>b</sup>	State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and LADWP	No Conflict. LADWP would be required to generate electricity that would increase renewable energy resources to 50 percent by 2030. As LADWP would provide electricity service to the Project Site, the 5850 Project by 2030 would use electricity consistent with the requirements of SB 350. Project buildout would occur in 2023 and, therefore, the estimated GHG emissions from electricity usage provided herein conservatively do not include implementation of SB 350 with a compliance date of 2030. Electricity GHG emissions would be further reduced by 17 percent by Year 2030, as the electricity provided to the Project Site would meet the requirements under SB 350.  As required under SB 350, doubling of the energy efficiency savings from final end uses of retail customers by 2030 would primarily rely on the existing suite of building energy efficiency

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		standards under the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 24, Part 6 (consistency with this regulation is discussed below) and utility-sponsored programs such as rebates for high-efficiency appliances, heating ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems and insulation. The 5850 Project would support this action/strategy because it includes compliance with specific requirements of the Los Angeles Green Code (consistency with this regulation is discussed below).
Senate Bill 1368 (SB 1368): GHG Emissions	State, CEC, and	No Conflict. LADWP meets the requirements of SB 1368. As
Standard for Baseload Generation prohibits any retail	LADWP	LADWP would provide electricity service to the Project Site, the
seller of electricity in California from entering into a		5850 Project would use electricity that meets the requirements
long-term financial commitment for baseload		under SB 1368.
generation if the GHG emissions are higher than those		
from a combined-cycle natural gas power plant.		
California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 20: The	State and CEC	No Conflict. The Appliance Efficiency Regulations apply to new
2012 Appliance Efficiency Regulations, adopted by the		appliances and lighting that are sold or offered for sale in
California Energy Commission (CEC), include standards for new appliances (e.g., refrigerators) and		California. The 5850 Project would include new appliances and lighting that comply with this energy efficiency standard.
lighting, if they are sold or offered for sale in California.		ingriting that comply with this energy emclency standard.
CCR, Title 24, Building Standards Code: The 2013	State and CEC	No Conflict. Consistent with regulatory requirements, the 5850
Building Energy Efficiency Standards contained in Title	Claic and OLO	Project must comply with applicable provisions of the 2016 Los
24, Part 6 (also known as the California Energy Code),		Angeles Green Code that in turn requires compliance with
requires the design of building shells and building		mandatory standards included in the California Green Building
components to conserve energy. The standards are		Standards. The 2016 Title 24 standards are 28 percent more
updated periodically to allow for consideration and		efficient (for electricity) than residential construction built to the
possible incorporation of new energy efficiency		2013 Title 24 standards and 5 percent more efficient (for
technologies and methods.		electricity) for non-residential construction built to 2013 Title 24 standards. <sup>c</sup> The 2016 Title 24 standards are more efficient than

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The California Green Building Standards Code (Part 11, Title 24) established mandatory and voluntary standards on planning and design for sustainable site development, energy efficiency (extensive update of the California Energy Code), water conservation, material conservation, and internal air contaminants.		the 2020 Projected Emissions under Business-as-Usual in CARB's <i>Climate Action Scoping Plan</i> . The standards promote the use of better windows, insulation, lighting, ventilation systems and other features that reduce energy consumption in homes and businesses. Thus, the 5850 Project has incorporated energy efficiency standards that are substantially more effective than the measures identified in the <i>Climate Action Scoping Plan</i> to reduce GHG emissions.
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA): EISA requires manufacturing for sale within the United States to phase out incandescent light bulbs between 2012 and 2014 resulting in approximately 25 percent greater efficiency for light bulbs and requires approximately 200 percent greater efficiency for light bulbs, or similar energy savings, by 2020.	Federal/ Manufacturers	Consistent. The 5850 Project would not use incandescent light bulbs, instead using bulbs that meet increasingly stringent standards for energy efficiency. As such, EISA would serve to reduce the use of incandescent light bulbs for the 5850 Project and, thus, reduce energy usage associated with lighting. Electricity GHG emissions estimates account for a 25-percent reduction in lighting electricity consumption with implementation of this regulation.
Assembly Bill 1109 (AB 1109): The Lighting Efficiency and Toxic Reduction Act prohibits a person from manufacturing for sale in the state specified general purpose lights that contain levels of hazardous substances, as it requires the establishment of minimum energy efficiency standards for all general purpose lights. The standards are structured to reduce average statewide electrical energy consumption by not less than 50 percent from the 2007 levels for indoor residential lighting and not less than 25 percent from the 2007 levels for indoor commercial and outdoor lighting by 2018. <sup>d</sup>	State/ Manufacturers	Consistent. As with the EISA, discussed above, the 5850 Project would meet the requirements under AB 1109 because it incorporates energy efficient lighting and electricity consumption that complies with local and state green building programs.

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Cap-and-Trade Program: The program establishes an overall limit on GHG emissions from capped sectors (e.g., electricity generation, petroleum refining, and cement production). Facilities subject to the cap are able to trade permits to emit GHG emissions within the overall limit.	State/ Manufacturers	No Conflict. As required by AB 32 and the Climate Change Scoping Plan, the Cap-and-Trade Program covers the GHG emissions associated with electricity consumed in California, whether generated in State or imported. Accordingly, GHG emissions associated with CEQA projects' electricity usage are covered by the Cap-and-Trade Program. Therefore, GHG emissions associated with the 5850 Project's electricity usage estimates would be covered by the Cap-and-Trade Program (as LADWP would be a covered entity and would provide electricity to the Project Site) and would be consistent with AB 32 and the Climate Change Scoping Plan.		
Mobile Source Emissions				
Assembly Bill 1493 (AB 1493) "Pavley Standards":  AB 1493 requires the development and adoption of regulations to achieve "the maximum feasible reduction of greenhouse gases" emitted by noncommercial passenger vehicles, light-duty trucks, and other vehicles used primarily for personal transportation in the State. In compliance with AB 1493, CARB adopted regulations to reduce GHG emissions from non-commercial passenger vehicles and light duty trucks of model year 2009 through 2016. Model years 2017 through 2025 are addressed by California's Advanced Clean Cars program (discussed below).	State, CARB	No Conflict. The Pavley regulations reduced GHG emissions from California passenger vehicles by about 22 percent in 2012 and are expected to reduce GHG emissions by about 30 percent in 2016, all while improving fuel efficiency. GHG emissions related to vehicular travel by the 5850 Project would benefit from this regulation because vehicle trips associated with the 5850 Project would be affected by AB 1493. Mobile source emissions generated by the 5850 Project would be reduced with implementation of AB 1493 consistent with reduction of GHG emissions under AB 32. Mobile source GHG emissions estimates were calculated using CalEEMod that includes implementation of AB 1493 into mobile source emission factors.		
Executive Order S-01-07: The Low Carbon Fuel Standard requires a 10-percent or greater reduction by 2020 in the average fuel carbon intensity for	State, CARB	<b>No Conflict.</b> GHG emissions related to vehicular travel by the 5850 Project would benefit from this regulation because fuel used by Project-related vehicles would be compliant with the LCFS.		

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transportation fuels in California regulated by CARB. CARB identified the LCFS as a Discrete Early Action item under AB 32, and the final resolution (09-31) was issued on April 23, 2009 (CARB 2009).		Mobile source GHG emissions estimates were calculated using CalEEMod that includes implementation of the LCFS into mobile source emission factors.
Advanced Clean Cars Program: In 2012, CARB approved the Advanced Clean Cars Program, a new emissions-control program for model year 2017 through 2025. The program combines the control of smog, soot, and GHG emissions with requirements for greater numbers of zero-emission vehicles. By 2025, when the rules will be fully implemented, the new automobiles will emit 34 percent fewer global warming gases and 75 percent fewer smog-forming emissions.	State, CARB	No Conflict. Standards under the Advanced Clean Cars Program would apply to all passenger and light duty trucks used by visitors, employees, and deliveries to the Project Site. GHG emissions related to vehicular travel by the 5850 Project would benefit from this regulation and mobile source emissions generated by the 5850 Project would be reduced with implementation of standards under the Advanced Clean Cars Program consistent with reduction of GHG emissions under AB 32. Mobile source GHG emissions estimates conservatively do not include this additional 34-percent reduction in mobile source emissions, as the CalEEMod model does not yet account for this regulation. The 5850 Project would further support this regulation since the 5850 Project would provide at least 20 percent of the total code-required parking spaces to be capable of supporting future electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), and the 5850 Project would provide at least 5 percent of the total code-required parking spaces with EV charging stations.
Senate Bill (SB) 375: SB 375 requires integration of planning processes for transportation, land-use and housing. Under SB 375, each Metropolitan Planning Organization would be required to adopt a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) to encourage compact development that reduces passenger vehicle miles traveled and trips so that the region will meet a target,	State, CARB Regional, SCAG	No Conflict. SB 375 requires SCAG to direct the development of the SCS for the region, which is discussed further below. The 5850 Project represents an infill development within an existing urbanized area that would concentrate new office uses within a High Quality Transit Area (HQTA). Therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS. Furthermore, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS would result in an

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created by CARB, for reducing GHG emissions.		estimated 18-percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 2035 and 21-percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 2040. As Project-related transportation emissions are reduced by approximately 30 percent, the 5850 Project would be consistent with SB 375 and the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.
Solid Waste		
California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 and Assembly Bill 341: The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 requires each jurisdiction's source reduction and recycling element to include an implementation schedule that shows: (1) diversion of 25 percent of all solid waste by January 1, 1995, through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities; and (2) diversion of 50 percent of all solid waste on and after January 1, 2000, through source reduction, recycling, and composting facilities. <sup>9</sup>	State	No Conflict. GHG emissions related to solid waste generation from the 5850 Project would benefit from this regulation, as it would decrease the overall amount of solid waste disposed of at landfills. The decrease in solid waste would then in return decrease the amount of methane released from the decomposing solid waste. Project-related GHG emissions from solid waste generation include a 50-percent reduction in solid waste generation source emissions per goals of the City. The Applicant would only contract for waste disposal services with a company that recycles solid waste in compliance with AB 341. In addition, the 5850 Project would provide recycling bins at appropriate locations to promote recycling of paper, metal, glass and other
AB 341 (2011) amended the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 to include a provision declaring that it is the policy goal of the state that not less than 75 percent of solid waste generated be source reduced, recycled, or composted by the year 2020, and annually thereafter. <sup>h</sup>		recyclables.
Water		
CCR, Title 24, Building Standards Code: The California Green Building Standards Code (Part 11,	State	Consistent. Water usage rates were calculated consistent with the requirements under City Ordinance No. 184,248, 2013

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Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Title 24) includes water efficiency requirements for new residential and non-residential uses, in which buildings shall demonstrate a 20-percent overall water use reduction.		California Plumbing Code, 2016 California Green Building Code (CALGreen), 2014 Los Angeles Plumbing Code, and 2016 Los Angeles Green Building Code and reflect approximately a 20 percent reduction in water usage as compared to the base demand. Project-related GHG emissions from water-related sources accounts for compliance with water efficiency requirements. Examples of water conservation measures could include: high efficiency toilets, low flow faucets, drought tolerant plants, and drip irrigation systems. Through the inclusion of these types of water conservation measures, the 5850 Project would have an overall water use reduction of 20 percent and would meet the requirements of the California Green Building Standards.
Senate Bill X7-7: The Water Conservation Act of 2009 sets an overall goal of reducing per-capita urban water use by 20 percent by December 31, 2020. The state is required to make incremental progress toward this goal by reducing per-capita water use by at least 10 percent by December 31, 2015. This is an implementing measure of the Water Sector of the AB 32 Scoping Plan. Reduction in water consumption directly reduces the energy necessary and the associated emissions to convene, treat, and distribute the water; it also reduces emissions from wastewater treatment.	State	Consistent. As discussed above under Title 24, the 5850 Project would meet this performance-based standard. Water conservation measures consistent with Green Building Code requirements could include: high efficiency toilets, low flow faucets, drought tolerant plants, and drip irrigation systems. The inclusion of these types of water conservation measures that would allow the 5850 Project to achieve the reductions sought by SB X7-7 related to water conservation and related GHG emissions.
Construction		
CARB In-Use Off-Road Regulation: CARB's in-use off- road diesel vehicle regulation ("Off-Road Diesel Fleet Regulation") requires the owners of off-road	CARB	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project would use construction contractors that would comply with this regulation.

Table 4.8-1
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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
diesel equipment fleets to meet fleet average		
emissions standards pursuant to an established		
compliance schedule.		
CARB In-Use On-Road Regulation: CARB's in-use	CARB	Consistent. The 5850 Project would use construction contractors
on- road heavy-duty vehicle regulation ("Truck and		that would comply with this regulation.
Bus Regulation") applies to nearly all privately and		
federally owned diesel fueled trucks and buses and to		
privately and publicly owned school buses with a gross		
vehicle weight rating greater than 14,000 pounds.		

- California Energy Commission, Utility Annual Power Content Labels for 2016, <a href="www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/labels/">www.energy.ca.gov/pcl/labels/</a>.
- <sup>b</sup> Senate Bill 350 (2015–2016 Reg, Session) Stats 2015, Ch. 547.
- <sup>c</sup> CEC, Adoption Hearing, 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards.
- d 2007b. Assembly Bill 1109 (2007–2008 Reg. Session) Stats. 2007, Ch. 534.
- <sup>e</sup> CARB, Initial Statement of Reason for Proposed Regulation for The Management of High Global Warming Potential Refrigerant for Stationary Sources, October 23, 2009.
- Carbon intensity is a measure of the GHG emissions associated with the various production, distribution, and use steps in the "lifecycle" of a transportation fuel.
- g Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 41780(a).
- h Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 41780.01(a).

Table prepared by DKA Planning, 2019.

Table 4.8-2
Consistency Analysis—2017 Scoping Plan Update

Actions and Strategies	Responsible Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Senate Bill 350 (SB 350):	CPUC, CEC,	No Conflict. LADWP is required to generate electricity that would

Table 4.8-2 Consistency Analysis—2017 Scoping Plan Update

	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
	CARB	increase renewable energy resources to 33 percent by 2020 and
The Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of		50 percent by 2030. As LADWP would provide electricity service
2015 increases the standards of the California RPS		to the Project Site, by 2030 the 5850 Project would use electricity
program by requiring that the amount of electricity		consistent with the requirements of SB 350. It is assumed that
generated and sold to retail customers per year from		LADWP will receive at least 33 percent of electricity from
eligible renewable energy resources be increased to		renewable sources by year 2020 and 50 percent by 2030 (with a
50 percent by 2030. <sup>a</sup>		straight-line interpolation for the 5850 Project buildout year of 2023).
Required measures include:		
<ul> <li>Increase RPS to 50 percent of retail sales by 2030.</li> <li>Establish annual targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.</li> </ul>		As required under SB 350, doubling of the energy efficiency savings from final end uses of retail customers by 2030 would primarily rely on the existing suite of building energy efficiency standards under CCR Title 24, Part 6 (consistency with this regulation is discussed below) and utility-sponsored programs such as rebates for high-efficiency appliances, HVAC systems, and insulation.
Reduce GHG emissions in the electricity sector		The 5850 Project would comply with this this action/strategy being
through the implementation of the above		
		CalGreen and Title 24 energy efficiency standards.
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	CADR COISTA	No Conflict The CARR approved the Advanced Clean Care
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<ul> <li>Increase RPS to 50 percent of retail sales by 2030.</li> <li>Establish annual targets for statewide energy efficiency savings and demand reduction that will achieve a cumulative doubling of statewide energy efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses by 2030.</li> <li>Reduce GHG emissions in the electricity sector</li> </ul>	CARB, CalSTA, SGC, CalTrans CEC, OPR,	As required under SB 350, doubling of the energy efficiency savings from final end uses of retail customers by 2030 would primarily rely on the existing suite of building energy efficiency standards under CCR Title 24, Part 6 (consistency with this regulation is discussed below) and utility-sponsored programs such as rebates for high-efficiency appliances, HVAC systems, and insulation.

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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
At least 1.5 million zero emission and plug-in	Local agencies	Advanced Clean Cars Program likely will apply to all passenger
hybrid light-duty electric vehicles by 2025.		and light duty trucks used by visitors, employees, and deliveries to
At least 4.2 million zero emission and plug-in		the Project Site, depending on the outcome of ongoing
hybrid light-duty electric vehicles by 2030.		negotiations between CARB and EPA regarding federal
Further increase GHG stringency on all light-		standards. The Program also requires auto manufacturers to
duty vehicles beyond existing Advanced Clean		produce an increasing number of zero emission vehicles in the
Cars regulations.		2018 through 2025 model years. Extension of the Advanced
Medium- and heavy-duty GHG Phase 2.		Clean Cars Program has not yet been adopted, but it is expected
Innovative Clean Transit: Transition to a suite of		that measures will be introduced to increase GHG emissions
to-be- determined innovative clean transit		reductions stringency on light duty autos and continue adding zero
options. Assumed 20 percent of new urban		emission and plug in vehicles through 2030.
buses purchased beginning in 2018 will be zero		
emission buses with the penetration of zero-		CARB is also developing the Innovative Clean Transit measure to
emission technology ramped up to 100 percent		encourage purchase of advanced technology buses such as
of new sales in 2030. Also, new natural gas		alternative fueled or battery powered buses. This would allow
buses, starting in 2018, and diesel buses,		fleets to phase in cleaner technology in the near future. CARB is
starting in 2020, meet the optional heavy-duty		also in the process of developing proposals for new approaches
low-NO <sub>x</sub> standard.		and strategies to achieve zero emission trucks under the
Last Mile Delivery: New regulation that would		Advanced Clean Local Trucks (Last Mile Delivery) Program. <sup>b,c</sup>
result in the use of low NO <sub>x</sub> or cleaner engines		
and the deployment of increasing numbers of		GHG emissions generated by Project-related vehicular travel
zero-emission trucks primarily for class 3-7 last		would benefit from this regulation, and mobile source emissions
mile delivery trucks in California. This measure		generated by the 5850 Project would be reduced with
assumes ZEVs comprise 2.5 percent of new		implementation of standards under the Advanced Clean Cars
Class 3-7 truck sales in local fleets starting in		Program, consistent with reduction of GHG emissions under AB
2020, increasing to 10 percent in 2025 and		32. Mobile source GHG emissions estimates conservatively do
remaining flat through 2030.		not include this additional 34-percent reduction in mobile source
		emissions, as the CalEEMod model does not yet account for this

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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Further reduce VMT through continued implementation of SB 375 and regional Sustainable Communities Strategies; forthcoming statewide implementation of SB 743; and potential additional VMT reduction strategies not specified in the Mobile Source Strategy but included in the document "Potential VMT Reduction Strategies for Discussion."	. any(noo)	regulation. Although the Innovative Clean Transit and Advanced Clean Local Truck Programs have not yet been established, the 5850 Project would also benefit from these measures once adopted.  SB 375 requires SCAG to direct the development of the SCS for the region, which is discussed further below. The 5850 Project represents an infill development within an existing urbanized area that would concentrate new general office uses within an HQTA. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS. Furthermore, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS would result in an estimated 18 percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 2035 and 21 percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions from passenger vehicles by 2040. 5850-Project-related transportation emissions would be reduced by approximately 30 percent, and therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with SB 375 and the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.
Increase Stringency of SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy (2035 Targets)	CARB	No Conflict. Under SB 375, the CARB sets regional targets for GHG emission reductions from passenger vehicle use. In 2010, the CARB established targets for 2020 and 2035 for each region. As required under SB 375, the CARB is required to update regional GHG emissions targets every 8 years, which is due to be updated in 2018. As part of the 2018 updates, the CARB has proposed a passenger vehicle related GHG reduction of 19 percent for 2035 for the SCAG region, which is more stringent than the current reduction target of 13 percent for 2035.

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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
		The 5850 Project would be consistent with SB 375 by developing
		an infill project within an existing urbanized area. This would
		concentrate new office uses within an HQTA. Project-related
		transportation emissions would be reduced by approximately 30
		percent (see Appendix A) based on a combination of factors that
		reduce travel demand (e.g., transit use) and use of low-carbon
		fuels, and therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with SB 375 and the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.
By 2019, adjust performance measures used to	CalSTA and	Not Applicable. The 5850 Project would not involve construction
select and design transportation facilities.	SGC, OPR,	of transportation facilities.
Solot and design transportation radinates.	CARB, GoBiz,	of transportation radiities.
Harmonize project performance with emissions	IBank, DOF,	
reductions, and increase competitiveness of	CTC, Caltrans	
transit and active transportation modes (e.g. via	,	
guideline documents, funding programs, project		
selection, etc.).		
By 2019, develop pricing policies to support low-	CalSTA,	No Conflict. The 5850 Project would support this policy, as the
GHG transportation (e.g. low-emission vehicle	Caltrans, CTC,	Applicant would provide electric vehicle charging stations at five
zones for heavy duty, road user, parking pricing,	OPR/SGC,	percent of total code-required parking spaces for the 5850 Project.
transit discounts).	CARB	In addition, electric vehicle supply wiring (EV-ready) would be
		available in at least 20 percent of the total code-required parking
	_	spaces for the 5850 Project.
Implement California Sustainable Freight Action	CARB	Not Applicable. The 5850 Project's land uses would not include
Plan:		freight transportation or warehousing. Therefore, the 5850 Project
		would not interfere or impede the implementation of the
Improve freight system efficiency.		Sustainable Freight Action Plan.
• Deploy over 100,000 freight vehicles and		

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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
equipment capable of zero emission operation		
and maximize both zero and near-zero emission		
freight vehicles and equipment powered by		
renewable energy by 2030.		
Adopt a Low Carbon Fuel Standard with a Cl	CARB	<b>Not Applicable.</b> This regulatory program applies to fuel suppliers,
reduction of 18 percent.		not directly to land use development. GHG emissions related to
		vehicular travel associated with the 5850 Project would benefit
		from this regulation because fuel used by Project-related vehicles
		would be required to comply with the LCFS. Mobile source GHG
		emissions estimates were calculated using CalEEMod that
		includes implementation of the LCFS into mobile source emission
		factors.
		The current LCFS, adopted in 2007, requires a reduction of at
		least 10 percent in the carbon intensity (CI) of California's
		transportation fuels by 2020. On September 27, 2018, CARB
		amended the LCFS regulation to target a 20 percent reduction in
		CI from a 2010 baseline by 2030.
Implement the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant	CARB,	No Conflict. Senate Bill 605 (SB 605) was adopted in 2014 and
Strategy by 2030:	CalRecycle,	directs CARB to develop a comprehensive Short-Lived Climate
	CDFA,	Pollutant (SLCP) strategy. Senate Bill 1383 was later adopted in
<ul> <li>40 percent reduction in methane and</li> </ul>	SWRCB,	2016 to require CARB to set statewide 2030 emission reduction
hydrofluorocarbon emissions below 2013 levels.	Local air	targets of 40 percent for methane and hydrofluorocarbons and 50
• 50 percent reduction in black carbon emissions	districts	percent black carbon emissions below 2013 levels. <sup>e</sup>
below 2013 levels.		
		The 5850 Project would comply with the CARB SLCP Reduction
		Strategy by using HVAC equipment with lower GWP refrigerants.
By 2019, develop regulations and programs to	CARB,	Not Applicable. This strategy calls on regulators to reduce GHG

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Responsible			
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis	
support organic waste landfill reduction goals in	CalRecycle,	emissions from landfills and is not applicable to a development	
the SLCP and SB 1383.	CDFA,	project. Under SB 1383, the California Department of Resources	
	SWRCB,	Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) is responsible for achieving	
	Local air	a 50 percent reduction in the level of statewide disposal of organic	
	districts	waste from the 2014 level by 2020 and 75-percent reduction by	
		2025. Adoption of the regulations to achieve SB 1383 targets is	
		expected in early 2019. <sup>f</sup>	
Implement the post-2020 Cap-and-Trade Program with declining annual caps.	CARB	Not Applicable. This applies to State regulators and is not applicable to a development project. The current Cap-and-Trade program would end on December 31, 2020. Assembly Bill 398 (AB 398) was enacted in 2017 to extend and clarify the role of the state's Cap-and-Trade Program from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2030. As part of AB 398, refinements were made to the Cap-and-Trade program to establish updated protocols and allocation of proceeds to reduce GHG emissions.	
By 2018, develop Integrated Natural and Working	CNRA and	Not Applicable. This applies to State regulators and is not	
Lands Implementation Plan to secure	departments	applicable to a development project. This regulatory program	
California's land base as a net carbon sink:	within, CDFA,	applies to Natural and Working Lands, not directly related to	
	CalEPA, CARB	development of the 5850 Project. However, the 5850 Project	
Protect land from conversion through		would not interfere or impede implementation of the Integrated	
conservation easements and other incentives.		Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan.	
Increase the long-term resilience of carbon			
storage in the land base and enhance sequestration capacity.			
<ul> <li>Utilize wood and agricultural products to</li> </ul>			
increase the amount of carbon stored in the natural and built environments.			

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	Responsible	
Actions and Strategies	Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Establish scenario projections to serve as the		
foundation for the Implementation Plan.		
Establish a carbon accounting framework for	CARB	Not Applicable. This applies to State regulators and is not
natural and working lands as described in SB		applicable to a development project. This regulatory program
859 by 2018		applies to Natural and Working Lands, not directly related to
		development of the 5850 Project. However, the 5850 Project
		would not interfere or impede implementation of the Integrated
		Natural and Working Lands Implementation Plan.
Implement Forest Carbon Plan	Carbon Plan CNRA, CAL Not Applicable. This applies to State regulators and i	
	FIRE, CalEPA	applicable to a development project. This regulatory program
	and	applies to state and federal forest land, not directly related to
	departments	development of the 5850 Project. However, the 5850 Project
	within	would not interfere or impede implementation of the Forest
		Carbon Plan.
Identify and expand funding and financing	State Agencies	Not Applicable. This applies to State regulators and is not
mechanisms to support GHG reductions across	& Local	applicable to a development project. Funding and financing
all sectors.	Agencies	mechanisms are the responsibility of the state and local agencies.
		The 5850 Project would not conflict with funding and financing
å 0		mechanisms to support GHG reductions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Senate Bill 350 (2015–2016 Regular Session) Stats 2015, Ch. 547.

Source: California Air Resources Board (CARB), California's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan, November 2017.

Table prepared by DKA Planning, 2019.

b CARB, Advance Clean Cars, Midterm Review, www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/acc/acc-mtr.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> CARB, Advanced Clean Local Trucks (Last mile delivery and local trucks), www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/actruck/actruck.htm.

d CARB, LCFS Rulemaking Documents, www.arb.ca.gov/fuels/lcfs/rulemakingdocs.htm.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>e</sup> CARB, Reducing Short-Lived Climate Pollutants in California, www.arb.ca.gov/cc/shortlived/shortlived.htm.

CARB, Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCP): Organic Waste Methane Emissions Reductions, www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp/.

## Regional: 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

The 2016–2040 RTP/SCS is expected to help California reach its GHG reduction goals, with reductions in per capita transportation emissions of 9 percent by 2020 and 16 percent by 2035. Furthermore, although there are no per capita GHG emission reduction targets for passenger vehicles set by CARB for 2040, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS GHG emission reduction trajectory shows that more aggressive GHG emission reductions are projected for 2040. The 2016–2040 RTP/SCS would result in an estimated 8-percent decrease in per capita passenger vehicle GHG emissions by 2020, 18-percent decrease in per capita passenger vehicle GHG emissions by 2040. By meeting and exceeding the SB 375 targets for 2020 and 2035, as well as achieving an approximately 21-percent decrease in per capita passenger vehicle GHG emissions by 2040 (an additional 3-percent reduction in the five years between 2035 [18 percent] and 2040 [21 percent]), the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS is expected to fulfill and exceed its portion of SB 375 compliance with respect to meeting the state's GHG emission reduction goals.

The 5850 Project would result in a VMT reduction of approximately 70 percent as compared to the 5850 Project without implementation of VMT reducing measures. This would be consistent with the reduction in transportation emission per capita provided in the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS. This reduction is attributable to the 5850 Project characteristics as being an infill project near transit that supports multi-modal transportation options.

The 5850 Project would also be consistent with the following key GHG reduction strategies in SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, which are based on changing the region's land use and travel patterns:

- Compact growth in areas accessible to transit;
- Jobs closer to transit;
- New job growth focused in HQTAs; and
- Biking and walking infrastructure to improve active transportation options and transit access.

The 5850 Project represents an infill development within a dense, urban area that would concentrate new office uses within an HQTA, which is defined by the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS as generally walkable transit villages or corridors that are within 0.5 miles of a well-serviced transit stop or a transit corridor with 15-minute or less service frequency during peak commute hours.

<sup>28</sup> CARB, Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Targets Pursuant to SB 375, Resolution 10-31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> SCAG, Final 2016–2040, RTP/SCS, April 2016, p. 153.

The Project Site is located near the Metro Expo Line light-rail station at La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, approximately 1,100 feet (0.21 miles) northeast of the Project Site.

As discussed in the Project's Transportation Assessment (included as Appendix F-2 to this Addendum), the Applicant would develop and implement a TDM Program that includes strategies to promote non-auto travel and reduce the use of single-occupant vehicle trips. In addition, the 5850 Project would also provide bicycle storage areas for employees and guests. The 5850 Project would also provide employees and guests with convenient access to public transit and opportunities for walking and biking, which would facilitate a reduction in VMT and related vehicular GHG emissions. These and other measures would further promote a reduction in VMT and subsequent reduction in GHG emissions, which would be consistent with the goals of SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.

At the regional level, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS is an applicable plan adopted for the purpose of reducing GHG emissions. In order to assess the 5850 Project's potential to conflict with the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, this section also analyzes the 5850 Project's land use assumptions for consistency with those utilized by SCAG in its Sustainable Communities Strategy. Generally, projects are considered consistent with the provisions and general policies of applicable City and regional land use plans and regulations, such as SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS, if they are compatible with the general intent of the plans and would not preclude the attainment of their primary goals. As demonstrated earlier, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.

In sum, the 5850 Project is the type of land use development that is encouraged by the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS to reduce VMT and expand multi-modal transportation options in order for the region to achieve the GHG reductions from the land use and transportation sectors required by SB 375, which, in turn, advances the state's long-term climate policies.<sup>30</sup> By furthering implementation of SB 375, the 5850 Project supports regional land use and transportation GHG reductions consistent with state regulatory requirements.

Therefore, as demonstrated in Table 4.8-3, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS and the GHG reduction-related actions and strategies contained therein.

As discussed above, SB 375 legislation links regional planning for housing and transportation with the GHG reduction goals outlined in AB 32.

Table 4.8-3
Consistency with the 2016 RTP/SCS

Actions and Strategies	Responsible Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Land Use Strategies	responsible i di sy (isse)	cood i rojout comercinely runui jere
Reflect the changing population and demands, including combating gentrification and displacement, by increasing housing supply at a variety of affordability levels.	Local jurisdictions	Not Applicable. The 5850 Project is a commercial office development. Nevertheless, the 5850 Project would not inhibit the City's objective of adding to the supply and diversity of housing in metropolitan Los Angeles County.
Focus new growth around transit.	Local Jurisdictions	Consistent. The 5850 Project is an infill development that would be consistent with the 2016 RTP/SCS focus on growing near transit facilities. It is located in the dense West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan Area. It is also served by Metro's local and Rapid bus services, as well as the Metro Expo Line, with the closest station located at La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site.
Plan for growth around livable corridors, including growth on the Livable Corridors network.	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	Consistent. The 5850 Project is an infill development that would be consistent with the 2016 RTP/SCS by focusing growth along the 2,980 miles of Livable Corridors in the region. It is also served by Metro's local and Rapid bus services, as well as the Metro Expo Line, with the closest station located at La Cienega Boulevard and Jefferson Boulevard, approximately 1,100 feet northeast of the Project Site.
Provide more options for short trips through Neighborhood Mobility Areas and Complete Communities.	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	Consistent. The 5850 Project would help further jobs/housing balance objectives that can improve the use of Neighborhood Electric Vehicles for short trips. The 5850 Project is also generally consistent with the Complete Communities initiative that focuses on creation of mixed-use districts in growth areas.
Support local sustainability planning, including developing sustainable planning and design policies, sustainable zoning codes, and Climate Action Plans.	Local Jurisdictions	Not Applicable. While this strategy calls on local governments to adopt General Plan updates, zoning codes, and Climate Action Plans to further sustainable communities, the 5850 Project would not interfere with such policymaking and would be consistent with

Table 4.8-3
Consistency with the 2016 RTP/SCS

Actions and Strategies	Responsible Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis
Actions and otrategies	responsible i dity(les)	those policy objectives.
Protect natural and farm lands, including developing conservation strategies.	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	Not Applicable. The 5850 Project is an infill development that would help reduce demand for growth in areas that threaten greenfields and open spaces.
Transportation Strategies		
Preserve our existing transportation system.	SCAG, County Transportation Commissions, Local Jurisdictions	Not Applicable. While this strategy calls on investing in the maintenance of our existing transportation system, the 5850 Project would not interfere with such policymaking.
Manage congestion through programs like the Congestion Management Program, Transportation Demand Management, and Transportation Systems Management strategies.	County Transportation Commissions, Local Jurisdictions	No Conflict. The 5850 Project is an infill development that would minimize congestion impacts on the region because of its proximity to public transit, Complete Communities, and general density of population and jobs.
Promote safety and security in the transportation system.	SCAG, County Transportation Commissions, Local Jurisdictions	Not Applicable. While this strategy aims to improve the safety of the transportation system and protect users from security threats, the 5850 Project would not interfere with such policymaking.
Complete our transit, passenger rail, active transportation, highways and arterials, regional express lanes, goods movement, and airport ground transportation systems.  Technological Innovation and 21st C	SCAG, County Transportation Commissions, Local Jurisdictions	Not Applicable. This strategy calls for transportation planning partners to implement major capital and operational projects that are designed to address regional growth. The 5850 Project would not interfere with this larger goal of investing in the transportation system.
Promote zero-emission vehicles.	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	Consistent. While this action/strategy is not necessarily applicable on a project-specific basis, the 5850 Project would include both electric vehicle charging stations and additional pre-wiring for future potential electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
Promote neighborhood electric vehicles.	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	Consistent. While this action/strategy is not necessarily applicable on a project-specific basis, the 5850 Project would include both electric vehicle charging stations and additional pre-wiring for future potential electric vehicle charging infrastructure that would promote electric vehicle use.

## Table 4.8-3 Consistency with the 2016 RTP/SCS

Actions and Strategies		Responsible Party(ies)	5850 Project Consistency Analysis	
Implement	shared	mobility	SCAG, Local Jurisdictions	No Conflict. While this strategy is designed to
programs.				integrate new technologies for last-mile and
				alternative transportation programs, the 5850
				Project would not interfere with these emerging
				programs.

Source: Southern California Association of Governments; 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, Chapter 5: The Road to Greater Mobility and Sustainable Growth; April 2016.

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## Local: LA Green Plan/Climate LA Plan

The LA Green Plan outlines the goals and actions the City has established to reduce the generation and emission of GHG emissions from both public and private activities. Table 4.8-4 evaluates the 5850 Project's consistency with applicable GHG-reducing actions from the LA Green Plan. As discussed below, the 5850 Project is consistent with the applicable goals and actions of the LA Green Plan. To facilitate implementation of the LA Green Plan, the City adopted the Los Angeles Green Building Code. The 2016 Los Angeles Green Building Code (Chapter IX, Article 9, of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, as amended pursuant to City Ordinance No. 184,692), incorporated by reference the mandatory requirements of the 2016 California Green Building Standards Code (discussed above under Climate Change Scoping Plan).

The 5850 Project would comply with performance-based standards included in the Green Building Code. In order to meet reduction goals in the LA Green Plan, LADWP will continue to implement programs to emphasize water conservation and will pursue securing alternative supplies, including recycled water and storm water capture. With regard to solid waste, the City implemented the RENEW LA plan to meet solid waste reduction goals by expanding recycling to multifamily dwellings, commercial establishments, and restaurants. The 5850 Project would be indirectly affected by these actions and would further reduce water and solid waste generation through the use of water-conserving fixtures and comprehensive waste management practices, respectively, thereby meeting the goals of the LA Green Plan. In addition, LADWP is required to procure a minimum of 33 percent of its energy portfolio from renewable sources by 2020 and would continue to implement programs consistent with the LA Green Plan. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the LA Green Plan.

Table 4.8-4
Consistency with Applicable GHG Emissions Goals and Actions of the LA Green Plan

Action		Description	5850 Project Consistency			
	7.00.0	2000	Analysis			
Focus	Focus Area: Energy					
E6	Present a comprehensive set of green building policies to guide and support private sector development.	The City initiated an effort to establish green building requirements, paired with incentives, for medium- to large-private projects. Buildings account for a majority of electricity use. Each building site relates to a wide range of environmental issues faced by the City, so addressing each site in a comprehensive manner will provide a variety of environmental benefits.	Consistent. While this action primarily applies to the City, the 5850 Project would be designed and operated to meet the applicable requirements of the state Green Building Standards Code and the City's Green Building Code.			
Focus	s Area: Water					
W1	Meet all additional demand for water resulting from growth through water conservation and recycling.	The Mayor's Office and LADWP developed the Securing LA's Water Supply plan, which is an aggressive, multi-faceted approach to developing a locally sustainable water supply. The plan includes a set of key short-term and long-term strategies to secure our water future, such as:  Short-Term Conservation Strategies:  • Enforcing prohibited uses of water (levying fines and sanctions against water abusers and increase water conservation awareness).  • Expanding the list of prohibited uses of water (possible further restrictions on watering landscape and washing/rinsing vehicles without a self-closing nozzle).  • Extending outreach efforts, water conservation incentives,	No Conflict. While this action primarily applies to the City and LADWP, the 5850 Project would incorporate Title 24-compliant water conservation features to reduce indoor water use by at least 20 percent. Water conservation measures could include the use of ultra-low flow toilets and hand wash faucets in public facilities.			

Table 4.8-4
Consistency with Applicable GHG Emissions Goals and Actions of the LA Green Plan

Action		Description	5850 Project Consistency
	71011011	2000p	
		and rebates.  • Encouraging regional conservation measures (encourage all water agencies in the region to adopt water conservation ordinances which include prohibited uses and enforcement).  Long-Term Conservation Strategies:  • Increasing water conservation through reduction of outdoor water use and new technology.	Analysis
		<ul> <li>Maximizing water recycling.</li> <li>Enhancing stormwater capture</li> <li>Accelerating cleanup of the groundwater basin.</li> <li>Expanding groundwater storage.</li> </ul>	
W2	Reduce per capita water consumption by 20%.	[See W1, above.]	[See W1, above.]
	ıs Area: Transportatio	,	
Т4	Complete the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control System (ATSAC).	This action reduces vehicle emissions that result from idling at intersections. By reducing vehicle stops, delays and travel time through improved traffic signal timing, vehicles can travel a longer distance at a consistent rate of speed, improving fuel economy.	Not Applicable. While the City has implemented this action, the 5850 Project would not interfere with the advancement of more signal timing in the City.
T6	Make transit information easily available, understandable, and translated into multiple languages.	A Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) partnership with the Personnel Department will enable LADOT to determine in which additional languages transit information should be provided. Facilitating	No Conflict. While this action primarily applies to the City, the 5850 Project would not impair the ability of the City to make transit information easily available, understandable, and translated into multiple

Table 4.8-4
Consistency with Applicable GHG Emissions Goals and Actions of the LA Green Plan

Action		Description	5850 Project Consistency			
	71011011	2000pulo	Analysis			
Т8	Promote walking	access to transit information increases the likelihood of transit use, which can reduce single occupancy vehicle trips and help alleviate traffic congestion, and most importantly, reducing associated greenhouse gas emissions.  Promoting alternate modes of	languages.  Consistent. While this action			
	and biking to work, within neighborhoods, and to large events and venues.	travel will reduce the carbon emissions associated with single occupancy vehicles (SOVs). As described in Action Items LU1 and LU2 below, the City is promoting high-density and mixed-use housing close to major transportation arteries. Such developments will also support the advancement of Action Item T8, by improving accessibility for those who wish to walk and bike to work.	primarily applies to the City, the 5850 Project would promote a pedestrian-friendly community by connecting the Project with the community through the provision of significant landscaping, trees, and pedestrian paths. The Project Site is also located in an HQTA as designated by the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS and near regional and local transit services. The 5850 Project would provide employees and visitors with convenient access to public transit and opportunities for walking and biking, including the installation of bicycle parking spaces in accordance with LAMC requirements.			
Focu LU	Focus Area: Land Use					
1	Promote high- density housing close to major transportation arteries.	With 469 square miles, Los Angeles is a vast and sprawling city. Yet many neighborhoods are walkable, with stores and services clustered near dense residential housing. As the city continues to redevelop and grow, there is an unprecedented opportunity to rethink the urban environment.	Not Applicable. This action is directed at the City to promote high-density housing near transit. The 5850 Project represents an infill development that would provide office uses within an HQTA that is located near major transportation arteries, including the Metro			

Table 4.8-4
Consistency with Applicable GHG Emissions Goals and Actions of the LA Green Plan

	Action	Description	5850 Project Consistency		
	Action	Description	Analysis		
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LU 2	Promote and implement transitoriented development (TOD).	Accommodating continued growth requires taking advantage of infill opportunities and increasing density along transit corridors.  Transit Oriented Districts (TODs) represent opportunities for creating cohesive, vibrant, walkable communities where fragmented, auto- dependent corridors now exist. TODs are a positive alternative to low-density traditional land use patterns that typically segregate housing, jobs and neighborhood services from one another. In contrast, TODs cluster these community elements in close	Expo Line light-rail station at the intersection of Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards.  Consistent. While this action primarily applies to the City, the 5850 Project would concentrate new office uses in close proximity to public transit opportunities (e.g., Metro Rail Expo light rail service and bus routes).		
		proximity, so a greater portion of trips can be made by transit, bike, or on foot.			
Focu	Focus Area: Waste				
Ws T1	Reduce or recycle 70 percent of trash by 2015.	Source reduction and recycling programs not only conserve natural resources and landfill space, but also confer climate benefits.	Consistent. While this action primarily applies to the City, the 5850 Project would provide adequate storage areas in accordance with the City's Space Allocation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 171,687), which requires that developments include a recycling area or a room of specified size on the Project Site.		
Sourc	ce: DKA Planning, 2019.				

## Local: City of Los Angeles Sustainable City pLAn

The Sustainable City pLAn includes both short-term and long-term aspirations through the year 2035 in various topic areas, including: water, solar power, energy-efficient buildings, carbon and climate leadership, waste and landfills, housing and development, mobility and transit, and air quality, among others. The Sustainable City pLAn provides information as to what the City will

do with buildings and infrastructure in their control. Specific targets related to housing, development, mobility, and transit include decreasing of vehicle miles traveled per capita by 5 percent by 2025, and increasing trips made by walking, biking or transit by at least 35 percent by 2025. The 5850 Project would generally comply with these aspirations, as the 5850 Project is an infill development consisting of office uses on the Project Site, which is located near regional and local transit services, including the Metro Expo Line station at La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. The 5850 Project would be well-served by transit and would implement a TDM Program that would encourage transit use. Furthermore, the 5850 Project would comply with CALGreen, implement various project design features to reduce energy usage and conserve water, and comply with the City's Solid Waste Management Policy Plan, the RENEW LA Plan, and the Exclusive Franchise System Ordinance (Ordinance No. 182,986) in furtherance of the aspirations included in the Sustainable City pLAn with regard to energy-efficient buildings and waste and landfills. The 5850 Project would also provide secure short- and long-term bicycle storage areas for Project employees and guests. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the Sustainable City pLAn.

## Conclusion

In summary, the plan consistency analysis provided above demonstrates that the 5850 Project complies with or exceeds the plans, policies, regulations and GHG reduction actions/strategies outlined in the *Climate Change Scoping Plan and Update*, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, the LA Green Plan, and the Sustainable City pLAn. Consistency with the above plans, policies, regulations, and GHG reduction actions/strategies would reduce the 5850 Project's incremental contribution of GHG emissions. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing emissions of GHG emissions. Furthermore, because the 5850 Project is consistent and does not conflict with these plans, policies, and regulations, the 5850 Project's incremental increase in GHG emissions as described above would not result in a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, Project-specific impacts with regard to climate change would be less than significant.

#### **5850 Project GHG Emissions**

As described above, compliance with a GHG emissions reduction plan renders the impacts of a project less than significant. In support of the consistency analysis which describes the 5850 Project's compliance with or exceedance of performance-based standards included in the regulations and policies outlined in the applicable portions of the *Climate Change Scoping Plan*, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, the LA Green Plan, and the Sustainable City pLAn, quantitative calculations are provided below.

The 5850 Project would result in direct and indirect GHG emissions generated by different types of emissions sources, including the following:

 Construction: emissions associated with demolition of the existing parking areas, shoring, excavation, grading, and construction-related equipment and vehicular activity;

- · Area source: emissions associated with landscape equipment;
- Energy source (building operations): emissions associated with electricity and natural gas use for space heating and cooling, water heating, energy consumption, and lighting;
- Stationary source: emissions associated with stationary equipment (e.g., emergency generators);
- Mobile source: emissions associated with vehicles accessing the Project Site;
- Solid Waste: emissions associated with the decomposition of the waste, which generates methane based on the total amount of degradable organic carbon; and
- Water/Wastewater: emissions associated with energy used to pump, convey, deliver, and treat water.

The 5850 Project would generate an incremental contribution to and a cumulative increase in GHG emissions. A specific discussion regarding potential GHG emissions associated with the construction and operational phases of the 5850 Project is provided below.

#### Construction

Project construction is anticipated to be completed and the Project is expected to become operational in 2023. A summary of construction details (e.g., schedule, equipment mix, and vehicular trips) and CalEEMod modeling output files are provided in Appendix A. The GHG emissions associated with construction of the 5850 Project were calculated for each year of construction activity. A summary of GHG emissions for each year of construction is presented in Table 4.8-5.

As presented in Table 4.8-5, construction of the 5850 Project is estimated to generate a total of 3,148 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e. As recommended by the SCAQMD, the total GHG construction emissions were amortized over the 30-year lifetime of the 5850 Project (i.e., total construction GHG emissions were divided by 30 to determine an annual construction emissions estimate that can be added to the 5850 Project's operational emissions) in order to determine the 5850 Project's annual GHG emissions inventory.<sup>31</sup> This results in annual 5850 Project construction emissions of 105 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e. A complete listing of the construction equipment by on-site and off-site activities, duration, and emissions estimation model input assumptions used in this analysis is included within the emissions calculation worksheets that are provided in Appendix A.

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<sup>31</sup> SCAQMD Governing Board Agenda Item 31, December 5, 2008.

Table 4.8-5
Combined 5850 Project Construction-Related Emissions (MTCO₂e)

Year	MTCO₂e <sup>a</sup>
2021	1,927
2021	685
2022	536
Total	3,148
Amortized Over 30 Years	105

 $CO_2$ e was calculated using CalEEMod and the results are provided in Section 2.0 of the Construction CalEEMod output file within Appendix A.

Source: DKA Planning, 2019.

# Operation

### Area Source Emissions

Area source emissions were calculated using the CalEEMod emissions inventory model, which includes hearths and landscape maintenance equipment. As shown in Table 4.8-6, the 5850 Project would result in a total of 0.033 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per year from area sources.

Table 4.8-6
Annual 5850 Project GHG Emissions Summary (Buildout)<sup>a</sup>
(metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent [MTCO2e])

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Year	MTCO <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>
Area <sup>b</sup>	<1
Energy <sup>c</sup> (electricity and natural gas)	3,936
Mobile	3,750
Solid Waste <sup>d</sup>	165
Water/Wastewater <sup>e</sup>	778
Construction	105
Total Emissions	8,734

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>  $CO_2e$  was calculated using CalEEMod and the results are provided in Section 2.0 of the Operation CalEEMod output file within Appendix A.

Source: DKA Planning, 2019.

# Electricity and Natural Gas Generation Emissions

GHG emissions are emitted as a result of activities in buildings when electricity and natural gas are used as energy sources. Combustion of any type of fuel emits CO<sub>2</sub> and other GHG

Area source emissions are from landscape equipment and other operational equipment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> Energy source emissions are based on CalEEMod default electricity and natural gas usage rates.

Solid waste emissions are calculated based on CalEEMod default solid waste generation rates.

Water/Wastewater emissions are calculated based on CalEEMod default water consumption rates.

emissions directly into the atmosphere; when this occurs in a building, it is a direct emission source associated with that building. GHG emissions are also emitted during the generation of electricity from fossil fuels. When electricity is used in a building, the electricity generation typically takes place off-site at the power plant; electricity use in a building generally causes emissions in an indirect manner.

Electricity and natural gas emissions were calculated using the CalEEMod emissions inventory model, which multiplies an estimate of the energy usage by applicable emissions factors chosen by the utility company. GHG emissions from electricity use are directly dependent on the electricity utility provider. In this case, GHG intensity factors for LADWP were selected in CalEEMod. The carbon intensity (lbs/MWh) for electricity generation was calculated for the 5850 Project buildout year based on LADWP projections. A straight-line interpolation was performed to estimate the LADWP carbon intensity factor for the Project buildout year. LADWP's carbon intensity projections also take into account SB 350 RPS requirements for renewable energy.

This is conservative, given the 2018 chaptering of SB 100 (De Leon), which requires electricity providers to provide renewable energy for at least 60 percent of their delivered power by 2030 and 100 percent use of renewable energy and zero-carbon resources by 2045. SB 100 also increases existing renewable energy targets, called Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS), to 44 percent by 2024 and 52 percent by 2027.

Energy use in buildings is divided into energy consumed by the built environment and energy consumed by uses that are independent of the construction of the building, such as in plug-in appliances. CalEEMod calculates energy use from systems covered by Title 24 (e.g., heating, ventilation, and air conditioning [HVAC] system, water heating system, and lighting system); energy use from lighting; and energy use from office equipment, appliances, plug-ins, and other sources not covered by Title 24 or lighting.

CalEEMod electricity and natural gas usage rates are based on the CEC-sponsored California Commercial End-Use Survey (CEUS) and the California Residential Appliance Saturation Survey (RASS) studies.<sup>32</sup> The data are specific for climate zones; therefore, Zone 11 was selected for the Project Site based on the zip code tool. Since these studies are based on older buildings, adjustments have been made to account for changes to Title 24 building codes but do not reflect 2016 Title 24 standards. For the 5850 Project, an adjustment was made to account for the 2016 Title 24 standards. The 2016 Title 24 standards would be applicable to the 5850 Project, as the 5850 Project would be built after January 1, 2017, when the 2016 Title 24 standards went into effect. The 2016 Title 24 standards are 28 percent more efficient (for electricity) than the 2013 Title 24 standards for residential construction and 5 percent more efficient (for electricity) for non-residential construction.<sup>33</sup> As shown in Table 4.8-6, Project GHG

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<sup>32</sup> CEC, Commercial End-Use Survey, March 2006, and California Residential Appliance Saturation Survey, October 2010.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> CEC, 2016 Building Energy Efficiency Standards, Frequently Asked Questions.

emissions from electricity and natural gas usage would result in a total of 3,936 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per year.

### Mobile Source Emissions

Mobile-source emissions were calculated using the SCAQMD-recommended CalEEMod emissions inventory model. CalEEMod calculates the emissions associated with on-road mobile sources associated with employees, visitors, and delivery vehicles visiting the Project Site based on the number of daily trips generated and VMT.

Mobile source operational GHG emissions were calculated using CalEEMod and are based on the 5850 Project trip-generation estimates. The 5850 Project represents an infill development within an urbanized area that would concentrate new general office uses within an HQTA.<sup>34</sup> The Project Site is well served by Metro local and Rapid bus services, along with proximity to the Metro Expo Rail line station 1,100 feet away. The 5850 Project would provide bicycle storage areas for Project employees and visitors. The 5850 Project would also incorporate characteristics that would reduce 15 percent of trips and VMT as compared to standard ITE trip generation rates. The 5850 Project characteristics listed below are consistent with the CAPCOA guidance document, *Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures*, which provides emission reduction values for transportation related design techniques.<sup>35</sup> These techniques would reduce vehicle trips and VMT associated with the 5850 Project relative to the standard ITE trip generation rates, which would result in a comparable reduction in VMT and associated GHG emissions. Techniques applicable to the Project include the following (a brief description of the 5850 Project's relevance to the measure is also provided):

- CAPCOA Measure LUT-1 Increase Density: Increased density, measured in terms of persons, jobs, or dwelling units per unit area, reduces emissions associated with transportation as it reduces the distance people travel for work or services and provides a foundation for the implementation of other strategies, such as enhanced transit services. The 5850 Project would redevelop the Project Site and generate approximately 1,380 jobs on-site, contributing toward the 8,000 jobs envisioned in the Community Plan and further advancing the objectives of SCAG's smart growth initiatives.
- CAPCOA Measure LUT-3 Increase Diversity of Urban and Suburban Developments (Mixed-Use): The 5850 Project would introduce new office uses on the Project Site. The unique publicly-accessible landscape plan with opportunities for

The Project Site is also located in Transit Priority Area as defined by Public Resources Code Section 20199. Public Resources Code Section 21099 defines a "transit priority area" as an area within 0.5 miles of a major transit stop that is "existing or planned, if the planned stop is scheduled to be completed within the planning horizon included in a Transportation Improvement Program adopted pursuant to Section 450.216 or 450.322 of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations." Public Resources Code Section 21064.3 defines "major transit stop" as "a site containing an existing rail transit station, a ferry terminal served by either a bus or rail transit service, or the intersection of two or more major bus routes with a frequency of service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods." Also refer to the City's ZIMAS System regarding the location of the Project Site within a Transit Priority Area. www.zimas.lacity.org.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> CAPCOA, Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Measures, 2010.

passive and active recreation will also help increase the diversity of publicly accessible spaces. The addition of office uses on the Project Site would reduce vehicle trips and VMT by encouraging walking and non-automotive forms of transportation (i.e., walking and biking), which would result in corresponding reductions in transportation-related emissions.

- CAPCOA Measure LUT-4 Increase Destination Accessibility: The Project Site is located near a primary job center, also easily accessible by public transportation. Access to multiple destinations, and other commercial and retail uses in proximity to the Project Site would reduce vehicle trips and VMT compared to the statewide average and encourage walking and non-automotive forms of transportation and would result in corresponding reductions in transportation-related emissions as a result of the 5850 Project.
- CAPCOA Measure LUT-5 Increase Transit Accessibility: The 5850 Project would be located near a Metro Expo Line station, as well as Metro local and Rapid Bus service on Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevard. The 5850 Project would also provide bicycle parking spaces to encourage utilization of alternative modes of transportation.
- CAPCOA Measure LUT-9 Improve Design of Development: The 5850 Project
  would enhance the pedestrian environment through an attractive open space component
  and improved streetscape, which would enhance walkability in the 5850 Project vicinity.
  The 5850 Project would also locate a development with a high level of street access,
  which improves street accessibility and connectivity.
- CAPCOA Measure SDT-2 Traffic Calming Measures: Providing traffic calming
  measures encourages people to walk or bike instead of using a vehicle. This mode shift
  results in a decrease in VMT. Streets within a half mile of the Project Site are equipped
  with sidewalks, and several of the intersections include marked crosswalks and/or countdown signal timers that calm traffic.

CalEEMod calculates VMT based on the type of land use, trip purpose, and trip type percentages for each land use subtype in the 5850 Project (primary, diverted, and pass-by). As shown in Table 4.8-6, the 5850 Project GHG emissions from mobile sources would result in a total of 3,750 MTCO<sub>2</sub>e per year. This estimate reflects reductions attributable to the 5850 Project's characteristics (e.g., infill project near transit that supports multi-modal transportation options), as described above.

#### Solid Waste Generation Emissions

Emissions related to solid waste were calculated using the CalEEMod emissions inventory model, which multiplies an estimate of the waste generated by applicable emissions factors provided in Section 2.4 of the USEPA's AP-42, Compilation of Air Pollutant Emission Factors. CalEEMod solid waste generation rates for each applicable land use were selected for this

analysis. As shown in Table 4.8-6, the 5850 Project is expected to result in a total of 165 MTCO₂e per year from solid waste that accounts for a 50-percent recycling/diversion rate.

# Water Usage and Wastewater Generation Emissions

GHG emissions are related to the energy used to convey, treat, and distribute water, and treat wastewater. Thus, these emissions are generally indirect emissions from the production of electricity to power these systems. Three processes are necessary to supply potable water; these include (1) supply and conveyance of the water from the source; (2) treatment of the water to potable standards; and (3) distribution of the water to individual users. After use, energy is used as the wastewater is treated and reused as reclaimed water.

Emissions related to water usage and wastewater generation were calculated using the CalEEMod emissions inventory model, which multiplies an estimate of the water usage by the applicable energy intensity factor to determine the embodied energy necessary to supply potable water. GHG emissions are then calculated based on the amount of electricity consumed multiplied by the GHG intensity factors for the utility provider. In this case, embodied energy for Southern California supplied water and GHG intensity factors for LADWP were selected in CalEEMod. Water usage rates were calculated consistent with the requirements under City Ordinance No. 184,248, 2016 California Plumbing Code, 2016 CALGreen, 2017 Los Angeles Plumbing Code, and 2016 Los Angeles Green Building Code, and reflect an approximately 20 percent reduction as compared to the base demand.

As shown in Table 4.8-6, 5850 Project GHG emissions from water/wastewater usage would result in a total of 778 MTCO $_2$ e per year, which reflects a 20-percent reduction in water/wastewater emissions consistent with building code requirements as compared to the 5850 Project without sustainability features related to water conservation.

### Combined Construction and Operational Emissions

As shown in Table 4.8-7, when taking into consideration implementation of project design features, including the requirements set forth in the City's Green Building Code and the full implementation of current state mandates, the GHG emissions for the 5850 Project would equal a combined total of  $8,734 \, \text{MTCO}_2\text{e}$  per year.

Estimated Reduction of Project Related GHG Emissions Resulting from Consistency with Plans

One approach to demonstrating a project's consistency with GHG plans is to show how a project will reduce its incremental contribution through a No Action Taken (NAT) comparison. The analysis in this section includes potential emissions under a NAT scenario and from the 5850 Project at build-out in 2023, based on actions and mandates expected to be in force in 2020.

The intensity factor reflects the average pounds of CO₂e per megawatt generated by a utility company.

As shown in Table 4.8-7, the emissions for the 5850 Project and its associated CARB 2020 NAT scenario are estimated to be 8,734 and 13,176 MTCO $_2$ e per year, respectively, which shows that the 5850 Project would reduce emissions by 34 percent from CARB's 2020 NAT scenario.

Table 4.8-7
Estimated Reduction of 5850-Project-Related GHG Emissions Resulting from
Consistency with Plans

Scenario and Source	NAT Scenario*	As Proposed Scenario	Reduction from NAT Scenario	Change from NAT Scenario
Area Sources	<0	<0	-	0%
Energy Sources	6,787	3,936	-2,851	-42%
Mobile Sources	5,342	3,750	-1,592	-30%
Waste Sources	165	165	-	0%
Water Sources	778	778	-	0%
Construction	105	105	-	0%
Total Emissions	13,176	8,734	-4,443	-34%

Daily construction emissions amortized over 30-year period pursuant to SCAQMD guidance. Annual construction emissions derived by taking total emissions over duration of activities and dividing by construction period.

Source: DKA Planning, 2019.

The analysis in this section uses the 2017 Scoping Plan's statewide goals as one approach to evaluate the 5850 Project's incremental contribution. The methodology is to compare the 5850 Project's emissions as proposed to the 5850 Project's emissions if the 5850 Project were built using a NAT approach in terms of design, methodology, and technology. This means the 5850 Project's emissions were calculated as if it was constructed with project design features to reduce GHG and with several regulatory measures adopted in furtherance of AB 32.

While the AB 32 Scoping Plan's cumulative statewide objectives were not intended to serve as the basis for project-level assessments, this analysis finds that its NAT comparison based on the Scoping Plan is appropriate because the 5850 Project would contribute to statewide GHG reduction goals. Specifically, the 5850 Project's commercial nature and location in an existing

<sup>\*</sup> NAT scenario does not assume 30% reduction in in mobile source emissions from Pavley emission standards (19.8%), low carbon fuel standards (7.2%), vehicle efficiency measures 2.8%); does not assume 42% reduction in energy production emissions from the State's renewables portfolio standard (33%), natural gas extraction efficiency measures (1.6%), and natural gas transmission and distribution efficiency measures (7.4%).

urban setting provide opportunities to reduce transportation-related emissions. The 5850 Project would eliminate many vehicle trips because travel to and from the Project Site could be captured by public transit and pedestrian travel instead.

## Post-2020 Analysis

Recent studies show that the state's existing and proposed regulatory framework will put the state on a pathway to reduce its GHG emissions level to 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030, and to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 if additional appropriate reduction measures are adopted.<sup>37</sup> Even though these studies did not provide an exact regulatory and technological roadmap to achieve the 2030 and 2050 goals, they demonstrated that various combinations of policies could allow the statewide emissions level to remain very low through 2050, suggesting that the combination of new technologies and other regulations not analyzed in the studies could allow the state to meet the 2050 target. Subsequent to the findings of these studies, SB 32 was passed on September 8, 2016, and would require the state board to ensure that statewide GHG emissions are reduced to 40 percent below the 1990 level by 2030. As discussed above, the new plan, outlined in SB 32, involves increasing renewable energy use, imposing tighter limits on the carbon content of gasoline and diesel fuel, putting more electric cars on the road, improving energy efficiency, and curbing emissions from key industries.

As discussed above, SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS establishes a regulatory framework for achieving GHG reductions from the land use and transportation sectors pursuant to SB 375 and the state's long-term climate policies. The 2016-2040 RTP/SCS ensures VMT reductions and other measures that reduce regional emissions from the land use and transportation sectors. Specifically, the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS would result in an estimated 8 percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions by 2020, an 18-percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions by 2035, and a 21-percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions by 2040. By meeting and exceeding the SB 375 targets for 2020 and 2035, as well as achieving an approximately 21-percent decrease in per capita GHG emissions by 2040 (an additional 3-percent reduction in the five years between 2035 [18 percent] and 2040 [21 percent]), the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS is expected to fulfill and exceed its portion of SB 375 compliance with respect to meeting the state's GHG emission reduction goals.

The 5850 Project provides the type of land use development that is encouraged by the RTP/SCS to reduce VMT and expand multi-modal transportation options in order for the region to achieve the GHG reductions from the land use and transportation sectors required by SB

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Energy and Environmental Economics (E3). "Summary of the California State Agencies' PATHWAYS Project: Long-term Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenarios" (April 2015); Greenblatt, Jeffrey, Energy Policy, "Modeling California Impacts on Greenhouse Gas Emissions" (Vol. 78, pp. 158–172). The California Air Resources Board, California Energy Commission, California Public Utilities Commission, and the California Independent System Operator engaged E3 to evaluate the feasibility and cost of a range of potential 2030 targets along the way to the state's goal of reducing GHG emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. With input from the agencies, E3 developed scenarios that explore the potential pace at which emission reductions can be achieved, as well as the mix of technologies and practices deployed. E3 conducted the analysis using its California PATHWAYS model. Enhanced specifically for this study, the model encompasses the entire California economy with detailed representations of the buildings, industry, transportation and electricity sectors.

375, which, in turn, advances the state's long-term climate policies. By furthering implementation of SB 375, the 5850 Project supports regional land use and transportation GHG reductions consistent with state climate targets for 2020 and beyond. In addition, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the Actions and Strategies set forth in the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS. Therefore, the 5850 Project would be consistent with the 2016–2040 RTP/SCS.

#### Conclusion

Thus, given the 5850 Project's consistency with State, SCAG, and City of Los Angeles GHG emission reduction goals and objectives, the 5850 Project is consistent with applicable plans, policies, and regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of GHGs. In the absence of adopted standards and established significance thresholds, and given this consistency, it is concluded that the 5850 Project's incremental contribution to greenhouse gas emissions and their effects on climate change would not be cumulatively significant.

# **Mitigation Measures**

While the analysis provided above demonstrates that implementation of the 5850 Project would not require any mitigation measures related to greenhouse gas emissions, the 5850 Project would nevertheless implement Mitigation Measure GHG1 from the Certified EIR.

# 4.8.3 Any new Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in any new or increased significant impacts with respect to its impact on climate change, and the 5850 Project would not conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation with the goal of reducing GHG emissions. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

# 4.8.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to GHG emissions. No substantial changes in the environment related to GHG emissions have occurred since certification of the EIR that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.8.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

The Certified EIR provided Mitigation Measure GHG1 to address impacts with respect to greenhouse gases during the operation of specific projects. While the analysis provided above demonstrates that implementation of the 5850 Project would not require any mitigation measures related to greenhouse gas emissions, the 5850 Project would nevertheless implement Mitigation Measure GHG1 from the Certified EIR.

# 4.8.6 Conclusion

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to GHG emissions. No substantial changes in the environment related to GHG emissions have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new conditions related to GHG emissions have been identified within the vicinity of the Project Site that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.9 Hazards and Hazardous Materials

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	ZARDS AND HAZARDOUS TERIALS: Would the project:					
(a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the likely release of hazardous materials into the environment?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one- quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code §65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes
(e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?	No Impact	No	No	No	No
(f)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(g)	Expose people or structures either directly or indirectly to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following item, which is included as Appendix D to this Addendum:

**D** Summary of Environmental Conditions, GeoSyntec Consultants, October 2019.

# 4.9.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that industrial facilities tend to store, use, and generate larger quantities of hazardous materials and wastes than other types of land uses, and that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a reduction of industrial land within the West Adams CPA. Further, industrial uses allowed within the West Adams CPA would be required to comply with all federal, State, and local regulations that deal with hazardous materials use and transport. In addition, the Certified EIR stated that based on the years of construction for some of the existing buildings within the West Adams CPA, demolition of the buildings could have the potential to release asbestos fibers into the atmosphere if they are not properly stabilized or removed prior to demolition. However, removal of these materials is well regulated. Therefore, with implementation of all applicable local, State, and federal regulations, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to the use, transport, and disposal of hazardous materials.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan would replace older structures that may have been built prior to the most recent building codes and regulations. Moreover, the Certified EIR stated that future projects within the West Adams CPA will be required to complete all applicable environmental review processes and to conform with environmental regulations related to new construction and hazardous materials storage, use, and transport. Existing hazardous materials regulations would minimize the potential for exposure to adverse health or safety effects. Though nearly a dozen Methane Zones occur in the West Adams CPA, new construction would be required to comply with the California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil and Gas requirements, and the SCAQMD regulations regarding methane gas. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to upset and accident conditions.

Compliance with all applicable local, State, and federal laws and regulations would regulate, control, or respond to hazardous waste, transport, store, disposal, and clean-up in order to ensure that hazardous materials do not pose a significant risk to nearby receptors, such as schools. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to hazardous materials near schools.

As stated in the Certified EIR, there are 174 LUST cleanup sites, other clean-up sites, and permitted underground UST facilities within the West Adams CPA. Future development of sites previously occupied by a hazardous materials generating facility would have the potential to create a significant hazard to the public or the environment unless an environmental site assessment is conducted to determined potential risks and appropriate mitigation. Mitigation Measure HM1 would minimize impacts related to hazardous materials sites. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure HM1, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to hazards materials sites.

The West Adams CPA is not within an airport land use plan, nor is it within two miles of a public use airport, and therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would have no impact with respect to airport hazards. Additionally, though the Community Plan increases the population, it will comply with policies to minimize the potential impact of interference with emergency response plans. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to emergency response plans. Finally, as stated in the Certified EIR, implementation of existing local regulations would help minimize wildland fire hazards. Therefore, implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to wildland fire.

# **Mitigation Measures**

Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" that involves new construction that will involve soil disturbance shall ensure that a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is prepared. The assessment shall be prepared by a Registered Environmental Assessor (REA) in accordance with State standards/guidelines to evaluate whether the site or the surrounding area is contaminated with hazardous substances from the potential past and current uses including storage, transport, generation, and disposal of toxic and hazardous waste or materials. Depending on the results of this study, further investigation and remediation may be required in accordance with local, State, and federal regulations and policies. Any further study found necessary by an REA or relevant federal, state or local agency shall be performed prior to project approval and any remediation found necessary by the REA or any relevant federal, state or local agency shall be performed prior to project approval or made a condition on the project if that is found to be adequate for remediation by an REA or the relevant federal, state or local agency.

# 4.9.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

### **Project Design Feature**

Based on the Project Site's previous uses, the 5850 Project would include the following Project Design Feature:

**PDF-1** Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, the Project Applicant will prepare a Soil Management Plan (SMP), which will include protocols to identify impacts, perform confirmation sampling, and segregate excavated material, followed by stockpiling, transportation, disposal, and other appropriate measures. The SMP will be accompanied by a worker health and safety plan and appropriate air quality monitoring during such activities.

# Routine Transport, Use, or Disposal of Hazardous Materials

The types of hazardous materials that would be used during construction of the 5850 Project would be typical of those hazardous materials necessary for construction of an office building (e.g., paints, solvents, fuel for construction equipment, building materials, etc.). Although construction of the 5850 Project would require the temporary transport, use, and disposal of hazardous waste, construction activities associated with the 5850 Project would be required to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations governing such activities.

The 5850 Project includes demolition and removal of the existing surface parking lot from the Project Site and construction of an approximately 344,947 square foot office building with four subterranean levels of parking. The types of hazardous materials that would be found on the Project Site during the operation of the 5850 Project would be typically associated with office and commercial land uses – paints, cleaning supplies, and small amounts of petroleum products. The 5850 Project would not require the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials that would create a significant hazard to the public or the environment. To the extent there would be any such transport, use, or disposal of small amounts of hazardous materials, compliance with existing local, State, and federal regulations would ensure the transport, storage, and use of these materials would not pose a significant hazard to the public or the environment. Therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts related to this issue would be less than significant.

# **Upset or Accident Conditions**

GeoSyntec prepared a <u>Summary of Environmental Findings</u> (included in Appendix D) to document the environmental conditions for the Project Site, which included a summary of the previous Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) performed for the Site. In order to prepare their summary, GeoSyntec reviewed the following documents:

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Environmental Management Strategies, Inc., November 2008.
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Environmental Management Strategies, Inc., November 2008.
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Andersen Environmental, July 2015.
- Phase II Environmental Site Assessment, prepared by Andersen Environmental, September 2015.
- Underground Storage Tank Program Case Closure Report, prepared by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, September 2002.

 Fault Rupture Assessment, prepared by UltraSystems Environmental, Inc., dated August 2015.

# <u>Underground Storage Tanks</u>

Sparklett's Drinking Water Corporation ("Sparklett's") operated two 10,000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs), each containing gasoline and diesel that were installed in 1952 and 1986 respectively. The gasoline UST was removed in 1988, under the supervision of the Los Angeles Fire Department. Soil samples were collected from beneath the north and south ends of the tank at an unspecified depth. Laboratory analysis of these samples indicated no detectable (<10 ppm) concentrations of gasoline range total petroleum hydrocarbon (TPHg), diesel range (TPHd), kerosene, and mineral spirits. In 1998, the diesel UST and dispenser fuel island were removed. Following removal of the UST, 23 soil samples were collected from beneath the tank, the dispenser island, the side walls of the dispenser island excavation, and stockpiles, varying in depth from two to 23 ft below ground surface (bgs). One shallow groundwater sample was also collected at 19.5 ft bgs. Soil and groundwater samples were analyzed for petroleum hydrocarbon constituents. Concentrations of TPHd in soil confirmation samples were reportedly above the Maximum Soil Screening Level (MSSL) for groundwater less than 20 ft bgs of 100 mg/kg in both the UST area and dispenser island area. The tank closure report recommended further assessment in the area of the former UST and dispenser island. Per the 2015 Phase I ESA report prepared by Andersen Environmental, additional site assessments were reportedly conducted in 2001 and 2002, under the oversight of the RWQCB, by advancing soil borings that were converted into groundwater monitoring wells. The RWQCB confirmed the completion of a site investigation and corrective action at the Site and issued a no further action (NFA) letter on September 19, 2002, after which the monitoring wells were abandoned.<sup>38</sup>

### 2008 Phase I ESA

The following presents a summary of the Phase I ESA, prepared by Environmental Management Strategies (EMS) in 2008:

- EMS reviewed a Phase I ESA for the Site dated June 12, 2003, prepared by Environmental Support Technologies (EST). In addition to the investigation/corrective action related to the former UST, this Phase I ESA identified other areas of concern at the Site that included the location of hydraulic lifts, a former clarifier and the sewer/storm drain that is present on an easement at the Site. EST recommended a Phase II ESA to investigate these additional areas identified.
- EMS also reviewed reports (July and November 2003 and May and June 2004) of various soil and groundwater investigations performed by EST (to evaluate the above

Summary of Environmental Conditions, prepared by GeoSyntec Consultants, October 2019, included in Appendix D of this Addendum. See pages 3-4.

areas of concern) which included advancement of 13 soil borings (SB1 through SB12 and SEW1) to maximum depth of 20 ft bgs, collection of 42 soil samples and 9 grab groundwater samples (GW1 through GW9) for petroleum hydrocarbon constituents and volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The soil analysis results indicated elevated concentration of waste oil (between 1,000 to 61,000 mg/kg measured as total recoverable petroleum hydrocarbon [TRPH]) in the area of hydraulic lift, and sewer/storm drain easement. The majority of these elevated concentrations were observed at 2 ft bgs. Petroleum hydrocarbon constituents were also detected in groundwater at a few locations, however, given the groundwater flow direction of northwest, it was concluded that the detection may be an indication of an offsite source, likely the ARCO # 5180 facility located upgradient of the Site.

- EMS identified the presence of petroleum hydrocarbon constituents and VOCs in groundwater to represent a potential Vapor Intrusion Condition (pVIC) at the Site. EMS therefore performed an evaluation of pVIC using the maximum groundwater sampling results (from EST 2003/2004) using Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC's) Human and Ecological Risk Division's (HERD) Groundwater Screening Model for estimating human health risk from subsurface vapor intrusion into the buildings. Based on the evaluation, EMS concluded that there does not appear to be a VIC at the Site; however, a future evaluation should be made using data collected from groundwater monitoring wells or soil gas, which is the preferred medium according to DTSC guidance.
- EMS recommended that 1) the detection of 61,000 mg/kg of waste oil at 2 ft bgs near
  the hydraulic lift should be further investigated to determine the extent of impacts, and 2)
  a future pVIC evaluation should be performed using data collected from groundwater
  monitoring wells or soil gas sampling prior to any planned redevelopment.

### 2008 Phase II ESA

The following presents a summary of the Phase II ESA, prepared by Environmental Management Strategies (EMS) in 2008:

- EMS performed a soil (B1 through B6) and groundwater investigation (B2, B4 and B5) concurrently with the above Phase I ESA to evaluate the elevated concentrations of waste oil and other heavy oil products encountered in soil samples collected by EST. The results indicated:
  - TRPH was detected in soil samples at concentrations ranging from 26 to 530 mg/kg. EMS identified these concentrations to have significantly decreased from the 2003/2004 investigation and stated that the petroleum hydrocarbons appeared to be attenuating in this area.

- VOCs and TPHg were detected in groundwater samples at concentrations less than 10 ug/L and 110 ug/L respectively. EMS concluded that 1) detection of these constituents at the upgradient locations are likely due to migration from ARCO # 5180; and 2) Freon-12 and cis-1,2-dichloroethene (c-1,2-DCE) are common industrial solvents and could be from various off-site sources including three drycleaners located up-gradient of the Site.
- EMS performed an updated pVIC evaluation using the maximum groundwater concentrations of c-1,2-DCE, Freon-12 and MTBE using the same methodology described in Phase I ESA. EMS concluded that there does not appear to be a VIC associated at the Site. EMS also recognized that grab groundwater sampling is not ideal for such evaluation and results from groundwater monitoring wells or collection of additional soil/soil gas sampling would be required in the future.
- Based on the above investigation, EMS recommended the following:
  - Future development will result in soil disturbance, the soil should be monitored for obvious signs of contamination such as odors or staining and should be managed/disposed of appropriately; and
  - Further evaluation should be performed via soil, soil gas and groundwater sampling prior to Site development.

# 2015 Phase I ESA

Andersen Environmental (AE) conducted a Phase I investigation as part of real estate due diligence for the transfer of the Site in 2015. AE identified the residual concentrations (identified in the UST closure report) in the area of former dispenser island and UST as a recognized environmental condition (REC) and, although no regulatory action was requested, recommended additional investigation. AE also concluded that a soil gas survey should be completed prior to any planned redevelopment.

# 2015 Phase II ESA

The following presents a summary of the Phase II ESA, prepared by Andersen Environmental in 2015:

- AE conducted an investigation of soil and soil vapor in the area of the former diesel UST and dispenser island to evaluate whether the residual impacts represents a threat to human health or the environment. The results indicated:
  - Soil One out of three soil investigation locations in the vicinity of the former dispenser island was observed to have residual petroleum hydrocarbon concentrations exceeding the applicable screening levels at that location.

Neither VOCs nor petroleum hydrocarbon constituents were detected at the other two soil investigation locations.

- Soil Vapor Benzene, ethylbenzene, xylenes, cyclohexane and freon-12 were detected in the soil vapor samples. However, concentrations were below the residential California Human Health Screening Levels5 (CHHSLs) with the exception of ethylbenzene and benzene, which were detected above the respective residential CHHSL at multiple locations. No other VOCs were detected in soil vapor samples.
- To address the above exceedances of the CHHSLs in soil vapor and to evaluate if a significant risk to building occupants from vapor intrusion exists, AE performed Johnson-Ettinger (JE) modeling to quantify the potential vapor intrusion risk with conservative inputs such as the highest detected concentrations of each compound, a sandy soil type, default building dimensions and ceiling heights, and soil vapor probe depths of 5 ft bgs. The results of this evaluation indicated that the residual VOCs do not pose an unacceptable health risk to the Site occupants under commercial scenarios; however, they may pose an unacceptable health risk to potential future Site occupants under a residential scenario.
- AE recommended the following:
  - The RWQCB granted case closure in September 2002 based on historical soil and groundwater data. Therefore, no further action is warranted with respect to any potential risk to groundwater.
  - Appropriate soil management should be implemented during a future redevelopment including protection for worker health and safety.

# Summary

Based on the information presented in the summary prepared by GeoSyntec discussed above, the following summarizes the environmental condition for the Project Site:

- The Project Site was remediated to the satisfaction of the RWQCB resulting in an NFA letter issued by the RWQCB in 2002, and there is no current regulatory agency involvement regarding environmental conditions.
- Residual petroleum hydrocarbons from the former USTs, dispenser island and hydraulic lift area remains at the Project Site. Areas of soil impacts may require removal and offsite disposal, if the Project Site is redeveloped. Consistent with PDF-1 (provided above), the 5850 Project would include a Soil Management Plan, which would ensure that impacts with respect to possible soil contamination are less than significant.

 Previous analyses indicate that the VOCs detected in soil vapor do not pose a risk to human health under an industrial or commercial scenario.

#### **Hazardous Materials Near a School**

The following schools are located in proximity to the Project Site:

- Echo Horizons School, 3430 McManus Avenue, approximately 1,370 feet or 0.25 miles from the Project Site; and
- Willows Community School, 8509 Higuera Street, approximately 1,220 feet or 0.23 miles from the Project SIte.

While the 5850 Project would be operational during school hours, the 5850 Project would use, at most, minimal amounts of hazardous materials for routine cleaning and maintenance. In addition, there are intervening structures and roadways between the schools and the Project Site. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not pose a significant risk involving the routine transport, use, and disposal of hazardous materials or the accidental release of hazardous materials, and impacts associated with the emission of hazardous materials near an existing or proposed school would be less than significant.

# **Airport Land Use Plan**

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is not located within an airport land use plan, nor is it within two miles of a public use airport. Therefore, the 5850 Project would have no impact with respect to airport hazards.

# **Emergency Response Plan**

While it is expected that the majority of construction activities for the 5850 Project would be confined to the Project Site, temporary and limited off-site construction activities may occur in adjacent street rights-of-way during certain periods of the day, which could potentially affect emergency access adjacent to the Project Site. Access to the Project Site and surrounding area during construction of the 5850 Project would be maintained in accordance with standard construction management plans that would be implemented to ensure adequate circulation and emergency access. Furthermore, prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Project Applicant would be required by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and the Department of Building and Safety to develop an emergency response plan for the 5850 Project in consultation with the LAFD. The emergency response plan shall include but not be limited to the following: mapping of emergency exits, evacuation routes for vehicles and pedestrians, location of nearest hospitals, and fire departments. Preparation and implementation of the Project-specific emergency response plan as required by the City would ensure that 5850 Project impacts related to emergency response would be less than significant.

### Wildland Fires

The Project Site is located in an urbanized area of the City and is completely developed. In addition, the Project Site is not located in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Thus, the 5850 Project would not expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

# **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would comply with Mitigation Measure HM1 from the Certified EIR.

# 4.9.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to hazards or hazardous materials. No substantial changes to hazards and hazardous materials have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new hazards and hazardous materials have been identified within the vicinity of the Project Site that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.9.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to hazards or hazardous materials not discussed in the EIR, significant effects related to hazards or hazardous materials previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

# 4.9.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure HM1 from the Certified EIR. Implementation of this measure would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to hazardous materials are less than significant.

# 4.9.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified impacts to hazards and hazardous materials would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to hazards and hazardous materials as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.10 Hydrology and Water Quality

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY: Would the project:					
(a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater quality?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:					
(i) Result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(ii)Substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(iii) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(iv) Impede or redirect flood flows?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

# 4.10.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

As stated in the Certified EIR, the Project is within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB). The LARWQCB adopted the Basin Plan for the Los

Angeles region, which designates the beneficial uses of receiving waters, including the Los Angeles River Estuary (Los Angeles Harbor) to which the West Adams CPA discharges, and specifies both narrative and numerical water objectives for receiving waters in the County. The Certified EIR stated that grading, excavation, and other construction activities associated with the implementation of the Community Plan could impact water quality due to erosion resulting from exposed soils that may be transported from a project area in stormwater runoff. Compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program would ensure that stormwater pollutants would not substantially degrade water quality. Further, all new development projects within the West Adams CPA would be required to comply with the City's Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) requirements. The Certified EIR determined that compliance with these regulations would ensure that impacts to water quality and groundwater are less than significant, and also that impacts with respect to a water quality control plan or groundwater management plan would also be less than significant.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is not a significant area for groundwater recharge and implementation of the Community Plan does not involve direct groundwater withdrawal or injection. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to groundwater.

In addition, implementation of the Community Plan does not substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the West Adams CPA. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to stormwater drainage. No dams or levees are located in or near the West Adams CPA. Therefore, there would be no impacts related to injury or death from flooding caused by dam or levee failure. The Certified EIR stated that implementation of existing regulatory requirements would ensure the Community Plan would not place housing or structures within a flood hazard zone or in an area that would impede or redirect flood flows without incorporating proper mitigation measures. Moreover, the West Adams CPA is not located near the Pacific Ocean. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to flooding and inundation, and inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Impacts related to hydrology and water quality were determined to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures were required.

# 4.10.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

# **Water Quality**

During construction of the 5850 Project, particularly during the grading and excavation phases, stormwater runoff from precipitation events could cause exposed and stockpiled soils to be

subject to erosion and convey sediments into municipal storm drain systems. In addition, on-site watering activities to reduce airborne dust could contribute to pollutant loading in runoff. Pollutant discharges relating to the storage, handling, use and disposal of chemicals, adhesives, coatings, lubricants, and fuel could also occur. As stated in the Certified EIR, the 5850 Project would be required to comply with the NPDES General Construction Permit including the preparation of a SWPPP and implementation of BMPs, required to minimize soil erosion and sedimentation from entering the storm drains during the construction period. In addition, the 5850 Project would be subject to the City's Stormwater and Urban Runoff Pollution Control regulations (Ordinance No. 172,176 and No. 173,494) to ensure pollutant loads from the Project Site would be minimized for downstream receiving waters. Compliance with the NPDES and implementation of the SWPPP and BMPs, as well as the City's discharge requirements would ensure that construction stormwater runoff would not violate water quality and/or discharge requirements.

Stormwater runoff generated during operation of the 5850 Project has the potential to introduce small amounts of pollutants typically associated with office developments (e.g., household cleaners, landscaping pesticides, and vehicle petroleum products) into the stormwater system. Stormwater runoff from precipitation events could carry urban pollutants into municipal storm drains, however during operation the 5850 Project would be required to comply with the City's Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance. The LID Ordinance applies to all development and redevelopment in the City that requires a building permit. LID plans are required to include a site design approach and BMPs that address runoff and pollution at the source. Further, to comply with LID Ordinance, the 5850 Project would be required to capture and treat the first 3/4-inch of rainfall in accordance with established stormwater treatment priorities. Compliance with the LID Ordinance would reduce the amount of surface water runoff leaving the Project Site as compared to the current conditions. Compliance with the LID Plan and SUSMP, including the implementation of BMPs (which could include one or several methods including infiltration, capture and use, bio-filtration and retention, or a combination of methods), would ensure that operation of the Project would not violate water quality standard and discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade water quality.

Conformance with these regulations would ensure construction and operational activities would not violate water quality standards, waste discharge requirements, or otherwise substantially degrade surface or groundwater water quality. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts related to water quality would be less than significant.

# Groundwater

The Project Site is located in an urbanized area of the City and is completely developed with impervious surfaces. During a storm event stormwater runoff flows to the adjacent roadways where it is directed into the City's storm drain system. As such, the Project Site is not a source of groundwater recharge. Following redevelopment of the Project Site, groundwater recharge would remain negligible, similar to existing conditions. Based on the Geotechnical Engineering Update Study conducted for the Project Site (refer to Appendix C-1), the historic high

groundwater level at the Project Site is 15 feet.<sup>39</sup> The depth of excavation for the 5850 Project's four subterranean levels would exceed this depth. Therefore, temporary dewatering may be required during construction. However, the amount of groundwater infiltration likely to occur would be minimal given the small area and depth to the proposed excavation. In addition, all potential dewatering operations would be conducted in compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements, including with all relevant NPDES requirements related to construction and discharges from dewatering operations. Due to the operation of dewatering systems being temporary, local groundwater hydrology in the immediate vicinity of the Project Site would be minimally affected. Additionally, all water consumption associated with the 5850 Project would be supplied by LADWP and not from groundwater beneath the Project Site. Thus, impacts related to groundwater as a result of the 5850 Project would be less than significant.

# Drainage

### **Erosion**

The Project Site is located in a highly urbanized area of the City, and there are no natural watercourses on the Project Site. As discussed above, the Project Site is completely developed and is considered 100 percent impervious. Current stormwater runoff flows to the local storm drain system. Under the post-5850-Project condition, the Project Site would be developed with additional permeable surfaces when compared to existing conditions, based on the amount of landscaping that would be provided as part of the 5850 Project. The Project Applicant would be required to prepare a SWPPP and implement BMPs to reduce runoff and preserve water quality during construction of the 5850 Project. While grading and construction activities may temporarily alter the existing drainage patterns of the Project Site, BMPs would be implemented to minimize soil erosion impacts during 5850 Project grading and construction activities. In addition, the Project Applicant would be required to implement a LID Plan (during operation), which would reduce the amount of surface water runoff leaving the Project Site after a storm event. Specifically, the LID Plan would require the implementation of stormwater BMPs to retain or treat the runoff from a storm event producing 3/4-inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site, and impacts would be less than significant.

#### Runoff

Grading and construction activities on the Project Site may temporarily alter the existing drainage patterns and change off-site flows. However, construction and operation of the 5850 Project would not result in a significant increase in site runoff or any changes in the local drainage patterns that would result in flooding on- or off-site. The 5850 Project would be required to prepare a SWPPP and implement BMPs to reduce runoff and preserve water quality during construction of the 5850 Project. Compliance with the LID Ordinance would also reduce the amount of surface water runoff leaving the Project Site as compared to the current conditions. Therefore, impacts related to runoff would be less than significant.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Geotechnical Engineering Update Study, Advanced Geotechnical Services, Inc., November 20, 2014. Refer to Appendix C.

Three general sources of potential short-term construction-related stormwater pollution associated with the 5850 Project are: 1) the handling, storage, and disposal of construction materials containing pollutants; 2) the maintenance and operation of construction equipment; and 3) earth moving activities which, when not controlled, may generate soil erosion and transportation, via storm runoff or mechanical equipment. Generally, routine safety precautions for handling and storing construction materials may effectively mitigate the potential pollution of stormwater by these materials. These same types of common sense, "good housekeeping" procedures, or BMPs, can be extended to non-hazardous stormwater pollutants such as sawdust and other solid wastes.

Poorly maintained vehicles and heavy equipment leaking fuel, oil, antifreeze, or other fluids on the construction site are also common sources of stormwater pollution and soil contamination. Grading activities can greatly increase erosion processes. Two general strategies are recommended to prevent construction silt from entering local storm drains. First, erosion control procedures should be implemented for those areas that must be exposed. Secondly, the area should be secured to control off-site migration of pollutants. During construction, the Applicant shall be required to implement all applicable and mandatory BMPs in accordance with the approved LID Plan and the SWPPP. These "good-housekeeping" practices would ensure that short-term construction-related impacts would be less than significant.

Pursuant to City policy, stormwater retention would be required as part of the LID/SUSMP implementation features (despite no increase of imperviousness surfaces on the Project Site). Any contaminants gathered during routine cleaning of construction equipment would be disposed of in compliance with applicable stormwater pollution prevention permits. Further, pollutants resulting from 5850 Project operation, including petroleum products associated with the 5850 Project's parking and circulation areas, would be subject to the requirements and regulations of the NPDES and applicable LID Ordinance requirements. Accordingly, the 5850 Project would be required to demonstrate compliance with LID Ordinance standards and retain or treat the first three-quarters inch of rainfall in a 24-hour period. Thus, the 5850 Project would not create or contribute surface runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts related to storm drain capacity and water quality would be less than significant.

Activities associated with operation of the 5850 Project could generate substances that could degrade the quality of water runoff. The deposition of certain chemicals by cars in the parking garage could have the potential to contribute metals, oil and grease, solvents, phosphates, hydrocarbons, and suspended solids to the storm drain system. However, impacts to water quality would be reduced since the 5850 Project must comply with water quality standards and wastewater discharge BMPs set forth by the City, the SWRCB, and the 5850 Project's approved LID Plan. Through compliance with existing regulations and the approved LID Plan, the 5850 Project would not create or contribute surface runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts related to storm drain capacity and water quality would be less than significant.

# Flood

The Project Site is not located within a 100-year zone, as mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).<sup>40</sup> While the Ballona Creek is located west of the Project Site across Jefferson Boulevard, it is a concrete-lined channel completely surrounded by urban uses, including light industrial and commercial uses. Thus, the 5850 Project would not have the potential to impede or redirect flood flows, and no impact would occur.

#### **Tsunami or Seiche**

The Project Site is identified in the Safety Element of the General Plan as being located in a potential inundation area. However, the Baldwin Hills dam failure in 1963 and the near collapse of the Van Norman Dam during the 1971 San Fernando Earthquake resulted in strengthening of the federal, state, and local design standards and retrofitting of existing dam facilities. None of the 13 dams in the greater Los Angeles area was severely damaged during the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. This low damage level was due in part to completion of the retrofitting of dams and reservoirs pursuant to the 1972 State Dam Safety Act following the San Fernando earthquake. Fan Fernando earthquake.

To further ensure against dam failure, the LADWP maintains a Water System Reservoir Surveillance Program. Most of LADWP's dams and reservoirs are under the jurisdiction of the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). DSOD issues operating licenses for dams and reservoirs under its jurisdiction, and the owner must comply with certain operation, maintenance, and inspection procedures in order to retain the license to operate the facility. LADWP maintains an assertive dam safety program, consisting of a sixperson Reservoir Surveillance Group dedicated to inspecting each in-City reservoir monthly and each of its Owens Valley reservoirs annually or semi-annually. Reservoir inspections include reading groundwater monitoring wells in and around the dams, reading flows at seepage drains, and performing a thorough visual inspection. Many LADWP reservoirs have Movement and Settlement (M&S) survey points installed on, and near, the dams. These points are periodically measured using precision survey equipment. The M&S survey, groundwater, and seepage data are plotted on long-term charts to determine if there has been any significant change over time. LADWP conducts surveillance of the reservoirs as required by DSOD. 43 Current design and construction practices and ongoing programs of review, modification, or total reconstruction of existing dams are intended to ensure that all dams are capable of withstanding the maximum credible earthquake for the site. As such, the minimal risk of flooding from potential dam or levee failure would not be exacerbated by the 5850 Project. Therefore, impacts related to flooding and risk of release of pollutants would be less than significant.

https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search?AddressQuery=350%20Hill%20street%2C%20los%20angeles%2C%20ca#searchresultsan chor, effective on 9-26-2008; and City of Los Angeles General Plan Safety Element, Exhibit F.

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<sup>40</sup> FFMA

Los Angeles General Plan Safety Element, Exhibit G, Inundation and Tsunami Hazard Areas.

Los Angeles General Plan Safety Element, Page II-16.

Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Water Infrastructure Plan 2016, <a href="http://ezweb.ladwp.com/UserFiles/Rates%20Documents/2016/Water\_Infra\_Plan\_2016.pdf">http://ezweb.ladwp.com/UserFiles/Rates%20Documents/2016/Water\_Infra\_Plan\_2016.pdf</a>, accessed on April 17, 2018.

# **Water Quality Control Plan**

As stated in the Certified EIR, the 5850 Project is within the jurisdiction of the LARWQCB, and grading, excavation, and other construction activities associated with the implementation of the 5850 Project could impact water quality due to erosion resulting from exposed soils that may be transported from the Project Site in stormwater runoff. Compliance with the NPDES program would ensure that stormwater pollutants would not substantially degrade water quality. Further, the 5850 Project would be required to comply with the City's SUSMP requirements. Consistent with the analysis provided in the Certified EIR, compliance with these regulations would ensure that impacts with respect to a water quality control plan or groundwater management plan would be less than significant.

## **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

# 4.10.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to hydrology and water quality. No substantial changes related to hydrology and water quality have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial changes have occurred in the physical environment that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.10.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to hydrology and water quality not discussed in the EIR, significant effects related to hydrology and water quality previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

# 4.10.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have a less than significant impact on hydrology and water quality, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

# 4.10.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant hydrologic/water quality impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified hydrologic/water quality impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to hydrology and water quality as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to Public Resources Code, Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.11 Land Use and Planning

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
<b>LAND USE AND PLANNING:</b> Would the project:					
(a) Physically divide an established community?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

# 4.11.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan would introduce ordinances that include standards and guidelines for projects within the West Adams CPA, including a Community Plan Implementation Overlay District (CPIO) containing several subdistricts throughout the plan area, as well as amendments to the existing Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan. The Community Plan also involves General Plan Amendments and zone changes to create consistency with the City's General Plan Framework, as well as to create consistency between both planned and existing uses of parcels and their relationship to surrounding areas. The Community Plan further restricts detrimental uses, incentivizes development in targeted areas, and provides development standards to ensure that new construction is consistent with neighborhood character, as well as corrects minor errors within the existing Community Plan. Moreover, under the Community Plan, several land use designations no longer exist or were refined, and new categories have been added. Existing goals and policies of the 1998 West Adams Community Plan were retained and augmented. The Community Plan focuses on land use, related mobility issues, and urban design. Beyond these changes, the Community Plan and implementing ordinances do not introduce major changes to land use in the West Adams CPA. The Certified EIR determined that the Community Plan is consistent with land use policies of SCAG's Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP), Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), and the Compass Growth Vision Report. As stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan would not conflict with, and would work to implement, key regional policies applicable to the West Adams CPA and surrounding areas. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to land use compatibility and consistency and would not divide an established community.

As discussed in Section 4.4, Biological Resources, of the Certified EIR, there are no habitat conservation plans within the West Adams CPA, and no impact would occur with respect to implementation of the Community Plan.

# **Mitigation Measures**

Impacts related to land use and planning were determined to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures were required.

# 4.11.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

While the 5850 Project includes an amendment to the West Adams CPIO to increase the maximum height for the Project Site, the 5850 Project is consistent with the permitted FAR for the Project Site. Further, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to land use and planning were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

# **Physically Divide an Established Community**

The Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would not include any extensions of roadways or other development features through currently developed areas that could physically divide or isolate existing neighborhoods or an established community. Instead, the Certified EIR determined that the land use changes in the Community Plan would create consistency between the Community Plan land use map and the actual built land uses on parcels. The Project Site is currently developed with commercial uses and is located in an established urbanized area of the City that is already served by a well-developed roadway system and utility infrastructure. The 5850 Project includes infill development within the confines of the existing Project Site boundaries with land uses similar to those already found in the immediate area. Further, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site. Thus, the 5850 Project would not physically divide an established community and impacts would be less than significant.

# **Consistency Analysis**

As stated previously, the 5850 Project includes, among other things, an amendment to the CPIO, to allow a maximum height of 320 feet and individual floor height up to 37 feet with atrium space up to 52 feet in height for Parcel E only. The proposed CPIO amendment would not change the General Plan land use designation of Hybrid Industrial for the Project Site. Further, as discussed below, the 5850 Project would be substantially consistent with all of the applicable plans, policies, and regulations contained in regional and local plans. While the policies described below were generally not adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect, an analysis of the 5850 Project's consistency with these policies has nevertheless been provided below, for informational purposes. Finally, as discussed throughout

this Addendum, implementation of the 5850 Project would not result in any significant impacts, nor would the 5850 Project result in increased impacts beyond those identified in the Certified EIR. As such, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to land use and planning would be less than significant.

## SCAG's 2016-2040 RTP/SCS

SCAG functions as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura, and Imperial. The SCAG region encompasses a population exceeding 18 million persons in an area of more than 38,000 square miles. As the federally designated MPO, SCAG is mandated to research and create plans for transportation, growth management, and air quality.

On April 7, 2016, SCAG adopted the 2016-2040 2016-2040 RTP/SCS. The 2016-2040 RTP/SCS includes a strong commitment to reduce emissions from transportation sources to comply with SB 375, improve public health, and meet the NAAQS as set forth by the Clean Air Act (CAA). As such, the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS contains a regional commitment for the broad deployment of zero- and near-zero-emission transportation technologies in the 2023-2040 timeframe and clear steps to move toward this objective. This is especially critical for the goods movement system. The development of a zero- or near-zero-emission freight transportation system is necessary to maintain economic growth in the region, to sustain quality of life, and to meet federal air quality requirements. The 2016-2040 RTP/SCS puts forth an aggressive strategy for technology development and deployment to achieve this objective. This strategy will have many co-benefits, including energy security, cost certainty, increased public support for infrastructure, GHG emissions reduction, and economic development.

The 2016-2040 RTP/SCS includes a consideration of the economic impacts and opportunities provided by the transportation infrastructure plan set forth in the document, considering the economic and job creation impacts of the direct investment in transportation infrastructure, and also the efficiency gains in terms of worker and business economic productivity and goods movement.

The 2016-2040 RTP/SCS provides a blueprint for improving quality of life for residents by providing more choices for where they will live, work, and play, and how they will move around. It is designed to promote safe, secure, and efficient transportation systems to provide improved access to opportunities, such as jobs, education, and healthcare. Its emphasis on transit and active transportation is designed to allow residents to lead a healthier, more active lifestyle. Its goal is to create jobs, ensure the region's economic competitiveness through strategic investments in the goods movement system, and improve environmental and health outcomes for its 22 million residents by 2040.

The Certified EIR determined that the new Community Plan would be generally consistent with the policies contained in SCAG's RTP/SCS, including land use changes to allow for TOD districts located near transit stations along major corridors and the creation of a CPIO to tailor use and development standards to encourage pedestrian-oriented commercial development

and walkability. The Community Plan's allocation of density is consistent with the RTP/SCS, and as stated earlier, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the allowable density of development on the Project Site.

As discussed on Table 4.11-1, the 5850 Project would be substantially consistent with the goals of the 2016-2040 RTP/SCS.

Table 4.11-1 SCAG 2016-2040 RTP/SCS 5850 Project Consistency Analysis

Goal	Consistency Discussion
Protect the environment and health of our residents by improving air quality and encouraging active transportation (non-motorized transportation, such as bicycling and walking).	Consistent. The 5850 Project is an infill development, located on a site that is already served by existing roadway and nearby transit facilities, including the Metro Expo Line station located approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site and La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. The 5850 Project includes development of an office building that would serve to provide additional employment opportunities for residents in the area. The 5850 Project would enhance the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design that places parking in subterranean levels and includes approximately 100,054 square feet of open space, including 47,854 square feet of landscaping with pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas. Additionally, the 5850 Project includes 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 35 short-term parking spaces, which would encourage bicycle use. Finally, as discussed above under "Air Quality," the 5850 Project would not generate any pollutant emissions in excess of SCAQMD's significance thresholds.
Actively encourage and create incentives for energy efficiency, where possible.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would comply with 2016 Title 24 standards, the California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen Code), and the Los Angeles Green Building Code (LAGBC), which are designed to reduce the 5850 Project's energy use. The 5850 Project would also be consistent with the City's Building Code.
Encourage land use and growth patterns that facilitate transit and non-motorized transportation.	Consistent. The 5850 Project is an infill development, located on a Site that is already served by existing roadway and nearby transit facilities, including the Metro Expo Line station located approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site and La

# Table 4.11-1 SCAG 2016-2040 RTP/SCS 5850 Project Consistency Analysis

Goal	Consistency Discussion
	Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. The 5850 Project includes development of an office building that would serve to provide additional employment opportunities for residents in the area. The 5850 Project would enhance the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design that places parking in subterranean levels and includes approximately 47,854 square feet of landscaping, including pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas. Additionally, the 5850 Project includes 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 35 short-term parking spaces, which would encourage bicycle use.
Source: Southern California Association of	
Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, April 2016	δ

# **SCAQMD's Air Quality Management Plan**

The Project Site is located within the South Coast Air Basin and within the jurisdiction of SCAQMD. In conjunction with SCAG, SCAQMD is responsible for formulating and implementing air pollution control strategies, including periodic updates to the AQMP, and guidance to local government about how to incorporate these strategies into their land use plans and decisions about development.

SCAG is responsible for generating the socio-economic profiles and growth forecasts on which land use, transportation, and air quality management and implementation plans are based. The growth forecasts provide the socioeconomic data used to estimate vehicle trips and VMT. Emission estimates then can be forecast by SCAQMD based on these projected estimates. Reductions in emissions due to changes in the socio-economic profile of the region are an important way of taking account of changes in land use patterns. For example, changes in jobs/housing balance induced by changes in urban form and transit-oriented development induce changes in VMT by more closely linking housing to jobs. Thus, socio-economic growth forecasts are a key component to guide the Basin toward attainment of the NAAQS.

The current AQMP establishes a comprehensive regional air pollution control program leading to the attainment of state and federal air quality standards in the Basin. In addition to setting minimum acceptable exposure standards for specified pollutants, the AQMP incorporates SCAG's growth management strategies that can be used to reduce vehicle trips and VMT, and

hence air pollution. These include, for example, co-location of employment and housing, and mixed-use land patterns that allow the integration of residential and non-residential uses.<sup>44</sup>

As discussed above under "Air Quality," the 5850 Project would be consistent with the AQMP.

# **City of Los Angeles General Plan**

The City's General Plan, adopted December 1996 and re-adopted August 2001, provides general guidance on land use issues for the entire City. The General Plan consists of a Framework Element, a Land Use Element, and 10 citywide elements.

#### Framework Element

The Framework Element of the General Plan serves as guide for the City's overall long-range growth and development policies and serves as a guide to update the community plans and the Citywide elements. The Citywide elements address functional topics that cross community boundaries, such as transportation, and address these topics in more detail than is appropriate in the Framework Element, which is the "umbrella document" that provides the direction and vision necessary to bring cohesion to the City's overall general plan. The Framework Element provides a conceptual relationship between land use and transportation and provides guidance for future updates to the various elements of the General Plan but does not supersede the more detailed community and specific plans. The Land Use chapter of the Framework Element contains Long Range Land Use Diagrams that depict the generalized distribution of centers, districts, and mixed-use boulevards throughout the City, but the community plans determine the specific land use designations. The Land Use Element of the General Plan is contained within 35 community plans. The Project Site is located in the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan Area, discussed below.

As discussed on Table 4.11-2, the 5850 Project would be substantially consistent with the Framework Element.

Table 4.11-2
5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Policies of the Framework Element

Objective	Project Consistency
Framework Element: Land Use Chapter	
Industrial Lands	
	ob opportunities for the City's residents and
maintains the City's fiscal viability.	
<b>3.14</b> Provide land and supporting services	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve
for the retention of existing and attraction	the area's economic vitality by increasing
of new industries.	industrial land use opportunities in the
<b>3.14.2</b> Provide flexible zoning to facilitate	Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. The
the clustering of industries and supporting	Project Site is currently occupied by surface

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> 2016 Air Quality Management Plan, Executive Summary; South Coast Air Quality Management District; https://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/clean-air-plans/air-quality-management-plans/2016-air-quality-management-plan/final-2016-aqmp/executive-summary.pdf?sfvrsn=4

# Table 4.11-2 5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Policies of the Framework Element

# **Objective**uses, thereby establishing viable "themed" sectors (e.g., movie/television, media production, set design, reproductions, etc.).

parking and an approximately 49,877 squarefoot media production building that does not maximize the employment generating potential at the Project Site, as most of the Project Site is covered by surface parking. Increasing the maximum building height and individual floor height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope, with a unique design made flexible for today's office, creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing the maximum height allows for a smaller building footprint, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses.

**Project Consistency** 

# **Economic Development**

**Goal 7B:** A City with land appropriately and sufficiently designed to sustain a robust commercial and industrial base.

**7.2.8** Retain the current manufacturing and industrial land use designations, consistent with other Framework Element policies, to provide adequate quantities of land for emerging industrial sectors.

**Consistent.** The 5850 Project would not change the existing Hybrid Industrial land use designation for the Project Site.

**7.2.11** Ensure that the City has sufficient quantities of land suitable to accommodate existing, new and relocating industrial firms, whose operations are appropriate to a specific location in Los Angeles.

**Consistent.** The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. The Project Site is currently occupied by surface parking and an approximately 49,877 squarefoot media production building that does not maximize employment generating the potential at the Project Site, as most of the Project Site is covered by surface parking. Increasing the maximum building height and individual floor height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope, with a unique design made flexible for today's office, creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing the maximum height allows for a smaller building footprint, thus increasing the space available for

Table 4.11-2
5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Policies of the Framework Element

Objective	Project Consistency		
_	ground level landscaping and pedestrian		
	uses.		
Goal 7H: A distribution of economic opportu	nity throughout the City.		
<b>7.10</b> Program resources in a manner that	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve		
encourages appropriate development,	the area's economic vitality by increasing		
housing opportunities, transit service and	industrial land use opportunities in the		
employment generation in all areas of the	Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and		
City, with particular emphasis on those	would provide employment opportunities for		
portions of the City which historically have	approximately 1,380 people within the West		
not received a proportional share of such	Adams community. In addition, the		
opportunities, consistent with the City's	employment opportunities provided as part of		
overall economic policies.	the 5850 Project would be easily accessible		
<b>7.10.2</b> Support efforts to provide all	from transit, including by bus and also the		
residents with reasonable access to transit	Metro Expo Line, which has a station at		
infrastructure, employment, and	Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards,		
educational and job training opportunities.	approximately 1,100 feet from the Project		
	Site.		
Source: City of Los Angeles General Plan, Framework Element.			

# West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

The Community Plan is one of 35 Community Plans established for different areas of the City that are intended to implement the policies of the General Plan Framework. Together, the plans make up the Land Use Element of the General Plan. The Community Plan is intended to promote an arrangement of land uses, streets and services, which will encourage and contribute to the economic, social, and physical health, safety, and welfare of the people who live and work in the community. The Community Plan is also intended to guide development in order to create a healthful and pleasing environment. The community plans coordinate development among the various communities of Los Angeles and adjacent municipalities in a fashion both beneficial and desirable to the residents of the community.

As discussed on Table 4.11-3, the 5850 Project would be substantially consistent with the Community Plan.

Table 4.11-3
5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Goals/Policies of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

Goal/Policy	Project Consistency
Sustainability	
Policy LU28-3: Mix of Uses. Ensure a	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve
mix of residential, commercial, office and	the area's economic vitality by increasing
light industrial, where appropriate, to	industrial land use opportunities in the
encourage economic sustainability and	Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. The
encourage walkability.	Project Site is currently occupied by surface

# Table 4.11-3 5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Goals/Policies of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

	Hills-Leimert Community Plan
Goal/Policy	Project Consistency
Policy LU29-2: Green Roofs. Encourage	parking and an approximately 49,877 square-foot media production building that does not maximize the employment generating potential at the Project Site, as most of the Project Site is covered by surface parking. Increasing the maximum building height and individual floor height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope, with a unique design made flexible for today's office, creative and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing the maximum height allows for a smaller building footprint, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses. Finally, the Project vicinity includes a mix of existing residential, commercial, office, and light industrial land uses, and the Project would bring quality jobs closer to existing housing. Therefore, the Project would also improve the jobs-housing balance within the Project vicinity.  Consistent. The design of the 5850 Project
all new building construction to incorporate green roofs and encourage conversions of existing roof space to green roofs in order to maximize opportunities for gardening and reduce heat gain.	incorporates green roofs located at grade over the subterranean parking and above portions of the ground level to reduce heat gain.
Transit-Oriented Community Centers	
Goal LU40: A community where the economic vitality of commercial nodes, centers and transit-oriented development areas is increased by encouraging contextual new development that maximizes access to transit, jobs, goods and services, and conserves desirable community character.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial/commercial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and would provide employment opportunities for approximately 1,380 people within the West Adams community. In addition, the employment opportunities provided as part of the 5850 Project would be easily accessible from transit, including by bus and also the Metro Expo line, which has a station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site.
Goal LU42: A community where neighborhood serving uses which	<b>Consistent.</b> The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing

# Table 4.11-3 5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Goals/Policies of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

	Hills-Leimert Community Plan		
Goal/Policy	Project Consistency		
strengthen and diversify the economic base are attracted by expanding market opportunities for both traditional existing businesses and emerging new businesses.	industrial/commercial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. Increasing the maximum building height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope, with a unique design made flexible for today's office, creative and emerging economy, technology and media users.		
Goal LU46: A community that maintains and increases the commercial employment base for community residents whenever possible.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial/commercial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and would provide employment opportunities for approximately 1,380 people within the West Adams community, potentially including nearby residents located in the Cameo Woods development, at the residences on Bowesfield Street, and at the future residences in the Cumulus project, which is currently under construction. In addition, the employment opportunities provided as part of the 5850 Project would be easily accessible from transit, including by bus and also the Metro Expo line, which has a station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site.		
Industrial Areas			
Goal LU65: A community where existing and future industrial uses which contribute job opportunities for residents are provided and which minimize environmental and visual impacts to the community.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and would provide employment opportunities for approximately 1,380 people within the West Adams community. In addition, the employment opportunities provided as part of the 5850 Project would be easily accessible from transit, including by bus and also the Metro Expo line, which has a station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site.		
	As demonstrated throughout this Addendum, all environmental impacts of the 5850		

Table 4.11-3
5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Goals/Policies of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

	Hills-Leimert Community Plan		
Goal/Policy	Project Consistency		
	Project, including visual impacts, would be less than significant.		
Policy LU65-1: Maintain Existing Industrial Land Where Appropriate. Maintain existing industrial land uses where appropriate as well as designate lands for new emerging industry including industrial parks, research and development facilities, light manufacturing, and other similar uses which provide employment opportunities.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would not change the Project Site's existing Hybrid Industrial land use designation or existing Commercial Manufacturing zoning designation. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea. Increasing the maximum building height would allow existing businesses to reasonably expand their operations or new businesses to locate at a site that allows greater flexibility in the building envelope, with a unique design made flexible for today's office, create and emerging economy, technology and media users. Moreover, increasing the maximum height allows for a smaller building footprint, thus increasing the space available for ground level landscaping and pedestrian uses.		
Policy LU65-3: High Quality Projects. Require that projects be designed and developed to achieve a high level of quality, distinctive character and compatibility with existing uses.	Consistent. As discussed in greater detail above (under "Aesthetics"), the 5850 Project's architectural design is the aggregate of multiple parts offering varying forms and dimensions for a variety of office related purposes that is compatible with the light industrial area. The 5850 Project would include high quality materials (such as vision glass, spandrel glass, concrete, and glass tubes) and modern articulation as seen throughout the area known as the Hayden Tract. The design of the 5850 Project also includes extensive landscaping and open space. Along a pedestrian route from the Metro Expo Line through a sequence of new and retrofitted office structures is a mixture of trees, paths, and green landscape. Seating, gathering, and walking paths culminate on the Project Site in the park-like venue that surrounds and organizes access to the proposed building.		
Goal LU66: A community plan which retains industrial designations that are appropriate in order to maintain and increase the industrial employment for	Consistent. The 5850 Project would not change the Project Site's existing Hybrid Industrial land use designation or existing Commercial Manufacturing zoning		

# Table 4.11-3 5850 Project Consistency with Applicable Goals/Policies of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan

of the West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan			
Goal/Policy	Project Consistency		
community residents.	designation. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and would provide employment opportunities for approximately 1,380 people within the West Adams community. In addition, the employment opportunities provided as part of the 5850 Project would be easily accessible from transit, including by bus and also the Metro Expo line, which has a station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site.		
Policy LU66-1: Link Jobs to Residents.  To reconnect neighborhoods by linking residents to nearby jobs, training and needed services.	Consistent. The 5850 Project would improve the area's economic vitality by increasing industrial land use opportunities in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, and would provide employment opportunities for approximately 1,380 people within the West Adams community. In addition, the employment opportunities provided as part of the 5850 Project would be easily accessible from transit, including by bus and also the Metro Expo line, which has a station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site, as a result of the 5850 Project's enhanced streetscape and pedestrian design. The 5850 Project places parking in subterranean levels and includes approximately 100,054 square feet of open space, including 47,854 square feet of landscaping with pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas.		
Policy LU67-1: Enhanced Streetscapes and Urban Design. Improve the quality of life and the built environment by promoting safety through enhanced streetscape and urban design that promotes pedestrian activity and bicycling instead of automobile dependence through better pedestrian orientation of structures and conservation of desirable prevailing neighborhood character.	Consistent. The 5850 Project is an infill development, located on a site that is already served by existing roadway and nearby transit facilities, including the Metro Expo line station located approximately 1,100 feet from the Project Site and La Cienega and Jefferson Boulevards. The 5850 Project would enhance the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment with a design that places parking in subterranean levels and includes approximately 100,054 square feet of open space, including 47,854 square feet		

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	Goal/Policy	Project Consistency	
		of landscaping with pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas. Additionally, the 5850 Project includes 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces and 35 short-term parking spaces, which would encourage bicycle use.	
Source:	West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan.		

#### West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert Community Plan Implementation Overlay District

The West Adams CPIO District contains seven Subareas, which are parcels characterized by common overarching Community Plan themes, goals, and policies, and are grouped by a common boundary. The Project Site is located within the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea and designated as Parcel E. This Subarea identifies specific blocks surrounding the Metro Expo Line, La Cienega/Jefferson Station, and provides specific use limitations, development standards, and streetscape guidelines for projects to facilitate TOD. This Subarea identifies parcels where a range of development heights and intensities are permitted. The Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea advances the creation of an employment destination outside of the City Center where a mix of uses that feature emerging and innovative commercial, office, "cleantech," "information technology," and other "high tech" uses can locate in proximity to existing and future residences within a medium to high intensity transit hub.

As discussed on Table 4.11-4, the 5850 Project would be substantially consistent with the standards provided for the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea.

Table 4.11-4
5850 Project Consistency with the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea

Requirement	Compliance	Description of Compliance
V-1 Land Use		
Compliance with Table V-1 and LAMC.	Yes	Office use is permitted.
V-2 Development Standards		
Building Height (A.1.c.)	Yes	320 foot building height permitted with CPIO Amendment.
Architectural Features (A.1.d.)	Yes	Black columns exceed roof level by 15 feet (less than 20%).
Individual Floor Height (A.1.e.)	Yes	Individual floor heights permitted with CPIO Amendment.
Parapet Walls and Guard Rails (A.1.f.)	Yes	The proposed guardrail does not exceed building height by up to 42 inches.

Table 4.11-4
5850 Project Consistency with the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea

5850 Project Consistency with the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea				
Requirement	Compliance	Description of Compliance		
Rooftop Equipment (A.1.g.)	Yes	Roof mechanical units are located centrally to the roof and will not be visible from grade.		
Floor Area Ratio (Table V-2.1.)	Yes	The 5850 Project does not exceed 2:1 FAR and is above the minimum required 0.5:1 FAR.		
Lot Coverage (C.1.a.1.)	Yes	Lot coverage is 46.79%, which is greater than the required minimum of 30%.		
Sidewalk Frontage (D.1.)	Yes	The publicly accessible entrance is facing the street and abuts an open public area. The maximum setback distance is 12 feet, 5 inches.		
Building Façade Articulation (D.3.)	Yes	The ground floor elevations are varied and are broken up by pedestrian amenities along the four edges of the 5850 Project and do not exceed 250 feet in length.		
Pedestrian Oriented Ground Floor (D.4.)	Yes	The ground floor incorporates publicly accessible lobby space.		
Public Access Areas (D.4.a.)	Yes	Public access areas are facing the street.		
Pedestrian Entrances (D.4.b.)	Yes	All four entrances are provided at grade, and the main entrance is along the primary frontage street (Jefferson Boulevard).		
Ground Floor Façade Glazing (D.4.c.)	Yes	The 5850 Project incorporates 57.6% of façade glazing.		
Ground Floor Public Interior Space (D.4.d.)	Yes	The 5850 Project meets the requirements to provide a minimum of 75% of the length of the primary frontage and a minimum depth of 25 feet.		
Parking Spaces (Table V-2.2)	Yes	The 5850 Project is providing the minimum required parking (518 spaces), which is 75% of LAMC Code-required parking.		
Parking Structures Below Grade (E.2.e.)	Yes	The 5850 Project would provide four levels of subterranean parking.		
Access Driveways (E.2.f.)	Yes	Two private driveways are proposed for the 5850 Project. One (existing) driveway is for access to the loading area, linking to Corbett on the north; and the second (proposed) driveway at a new signalized intersection on the southern portion of the Project Site. The driveways are		

Table 4.11-4
5850 Project Consistency with the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea

Requirement	Compliance	Description of Compliance
		437 feet apart.
Source: West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Lei	mert Community	y Plan Implementation Overlay District.

As described above, the 5850 Project includes an amendment to the West Adams CPIO to increase the maximum height for the Project Site, up to 320 feet. The Project area contains other buildings of the same height as the proposed 5850 Project, including a 320-foot-tall tower currently under construction at the corner of Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards and the (W)rapper tower, which would be approximately 230 feet in height, currently under construction at the corner of Jefferson and National Boulevards. The 5850 Project is consistent with the permitted floor area ratio (FAR) for the Project Site. The increased height allows for more of the Project Site to be enhanced with landscaping and open spaces that promote human interaction and provide community gathering spaces. The 5850 Project would preserve viable industrial and hybrid industrial land for "clean-tech" and "high-tech" uses, would support other transitoriented businesses, and would support the creation of high wage jobs and training within the West Adams CPA. Finally, the proposed amendment to the CPIO would not change the General Plan land use designation of Hybrid Industrial for the Project Site.

The 5850 Project provides for an arrangement of buildings and structures, and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood. The 5850 Project has been designed to be compatible with neighboring properties. The Project Site and the surrounding area is within a burgeoning creative digital and entertainment community of buildings and users include Nike, the Tennis Channel, Converse, Blur Studio, WeWork and others in the nearby vicinity. Neighboring buildings in the Project vicinity range in height from one to three stories up to 17 and 30 stories (and 230 to 320 feet in height), which are consistent with the proposed 320-foot 22-story 5850 Project. In fact, the 5850 Project is compatible with recent developments that have been higher in height (between 17 and 30 stories) in response in part to the nearby Metro Expo Line station at Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards.

With respect to building design and pedestrian orientation, the vast majority of the parking spaces would be provided in four subterranean parking levels, allowing for the generous landscaping and open spaces proposed. The requested increase in height would allow the Project Site to be designed in compatibility with existing development on adjacent properties and neighboring properties that are 17 to 30 stories.

The 5850 Project is located along Jefferson Boulevard and placed in a park-like setting that includes approximately 47,854 square feet of landscaping. The Project Site rises upward toward the 5850 Project building in a series of four perimeter mounds that slope from grade level to the second floor of the 5850 Project. The mounds serve as a visual transition upward as the building appears to rise up out of the land. These mounded areas define the primary entry points to the building located in wide open plazas with landscape, hardscape, and pedestrian seating. The mounds provide a buffer between the two largest plazas and the automobile areas

of the parking lot and Jefferson Boulevard. These mounds provide a green roof for interior office spaces. The northeast mound accommodates the loading areas of the 5850 Project, and the southeast mound integrates the access ramp for the subterranean parking structure. The mounds are planted with a combination of native plants and grasses that require low water and provide a diverse range of colors and textures. Pedestrian pathways that lead to building entrances feature decorative paving with integrated benches and pathway lighting.

The 5850 Project not only provides for an arrangement of uses, buildings, structures, open spaces, and other improvements that are compatible with the scale and character of the adjacent properties and the surrounding neighborhood, but would also enhance the surrounding neighborhood. Therefore, the 5850 Project, including the requested CPIO amendment related to height, would be compatible with the surrounding area and impacts would be less than significant.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

## 4.11.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to land use. No substantial changes to land use have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new changes in land use have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

## 4.11.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to land use not discussed in the EIR, significant effects related to land use previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

## 4.11.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have a less than significant impact on land use, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.11.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant land use impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified land use impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to land use as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

#### 4.12 Mineral Resources

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
<b>MINERAL RESOURCES</b> : Would the project:					
(a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?	No Impact	No	No	No	No

## 4.12.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that State designated oil fields are located within the central western and northeastern portions of the West Adams CPA. Implementation of the Community Plan could therefore potentially result in some development or infrastructure projects on undeveloped/vacant lands within the West Adams CPA. However, as most of this development is infill of existing urban spaces, and these projects are not expected to directly impact mineral resources. Similarly, the Certified EIR stated that areas of more intense development, such as the TOD areas located at Venice/National Boulevards, La Cienega/Jefferson Boulevards, La Brea/Farmdale Avenues, Crenshaw/Jefferson Boulevards, and Crenshaw Boulevard along the Crenshaw/LAX LRT Project corridor that would be allowed under the new Community Plan would not directly affect mineral resources.

As also stated in the Certified EIR, additional policies in the General Plan seek to implement the provisions of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), to establish extraction operations at appropriate sites; to minimize operation impacts on adjacent uses, ecologically important areas, and ground water; to protect the public health and safety; and to require appropriate restoration, reclamation and reuse of closed sites. These policies would reduce impacts in areas near and/or overlaying state- designated oil fields within the West Adams CPA and would not interfere with the extraction of oil and gas resources. Additionally, existing City policies would regulate and identify provisions for districts where production of oil and gas is permitted and how it shall be undertaken. Furthermore, implementation of existing City Codes, regulatory requirements, and policies ensure that the Community Plan results in less-than-significant impacts related to Statewide and regional mineral resources. As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA does not contain any land classified as MRZ-2. Therefore,

the West Adams CPA is not underlain by mineral deposits where geologic data indicate that significant measured or indicated resources are present or where adequate information indicates that significant mineral deposits are present or where it is judged that a high likelihood for their presence exists. Therefore, no impacts related to local mineral resources would occur.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

No impacts related to mineral resources were determined for the Community Plan and no mitigation measures were required.

## 4.12.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would be located in the Jefferson/La Cienega TOD Subarea, which as stated in the Certified EIR, would not directly affect mineral resources. The Project Site is currently zoned CM-2D-CPIO, and the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or to the existing Hybrid Industrial land use designation. Thus, the Project Site is not zoned for oil extraction and drilling, or mining of mineral resources, and there are no such sites at the Project Site. As such, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the previously adopted EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

## 4.12.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to mineral resources. No substantial changes to mineral resources have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new changes in mineral resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

## 4.12.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to mineral resources not discussed in the EIR, significant effects related to mineral resources previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

## 4.12.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have no impact on mineral resources, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.12.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant mineral resources or a substantial increase in previously identified mineral resources would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to mineral resources as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

#### 4.13 Noise

	sues (and supporting Information ources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
No	oise: Would the project result in:					
(a)	Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	Yes
(b)	Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
(c)	For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	No Impact	No	No	No	No

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following item, which is included as **Appendix E** to this Addendum:

E Noise Technical Modeling, DKA Planning, August 2019.

## 4.13.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

#### Construction

The Certified EIR stated that construction under the Community Plan would result in temporary increases in ambient noise and vibration levels in the West Adams CPA on an intermittent basis. Noise levels would fluctuate depending on the construction phase, equipment type and duration of use, distance between the noise source and receptor, and presence or absence of noise attenuation barriers. However, the Certified EIR concluded that under both monitored and presumed noise levels, construction noise would increase ambient noise levels and exceed the significance thresholds for construction activities lasting more than one day and construction activities lasting more than ten days in a three month period. Therefore, without mitigation, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant impact related to construction noise. The Certified EIR stated that vibration generated by pile drivers, clam shovels, and vibratory rollers would exceed the building damage standards

depending on the distance from the source to the receptor. Mitigation Measures N1 and N2 were adopted to reduce construction noise and vibration levels. However, the Certified EIR concluded that impacts related to construction noise and vibration would remain significant and unavoidable.

#### Operation

As stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan objectives promote the internal relationship of mutually supportive uses, such as employment, housing, recreation, and community-serving facilities. It is assumed that the majority of stationary noise associated with implementation of the Community Plan would be generated by heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems. HVAC systems will be shielded from view to comply with the LAMC, and are not anticipated to significantly increase ambient noise levels. Though the planning policies of the Community Plan encourage new industrial development designs to be compatible with adjacent land uses, the potential exists for residential land uses to be exposed to incompatible noise levels associated with industrial facilities. As stated in the Certified EIR, mobile noise generated by implementation of the Community Plan would not cause the ambient noise level measured at the property line of the affected uses to increase by 3 dBA CNEL to or within the "normally unacceptable" or "clearly unacceptable" category or any 5 dBA or more increase in noise level. Mitigation Measure N3 was adopted to reduce operational noise levels Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure N3, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to operational noise.

It is not anticipated that the West Adams CPA will be developed with substantial sources of vibration. Operational ground-borne vibration in the project vicinity would be generated by vehicular travel on the local roadways. Similar to existing conditions, traffic vibration levels would not be perceptible by sensitive receptors. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to operational vibration.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

- **N1** Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that all contractors include the following best management practices in contract specifications:
  - Construction haul truck and materials delivery traffic shall avoid residential areas whenever feasible. If no alternatives are available, truck traffic shall be routed on streets with the fewest residences.
  - The construction contractor shall locate construction staging areas away from sensitive uses.

- When construction activities are located in close proximity to noise-sensitive land uses, noise barriers (e.g., temporary walls or piles of excavated material) shall be constructed between activities and noise sensitive uses.
- Impact pile drivers shall be avoided where possible in noise-sensitive areas. Drilled
  piles or the use of a sonic vibratory pile driver are quieter alternatives that shall be
  utilized where geological conditions permit their use. Noise shrouds shall be used
  when necessary to reduce noise of pile drilling/driving.
- Construction equipment shall be equipped with mufflers that comply with manufacturers' requirements.
- The construction contractor shall use on-site electrical sources to power equipment rather than diesel generators where feasible.
- **N2** Prior to any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" that is adjacent to buildings listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources, designated as a Historic-Cultural Monument by the City of Los Angeles, or within a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone ("historic buildings"), the City shall ensure all of the following requirements are or will be met:
  - Historic buildings adjacent to the project's construction zones are identified.
  - A Vibration Control Plan is prepared and approved by the City.
  - The Vibration Control Plan shall be completed by a qualified structural engineer.
  - The Vibration Control Plan shall include a pre-construction survey letter establishing baseline conditions at potentially affected buildings. The survey letter shall provide a shoring design to protect the identified land uses from potential damage. The structural engineer may recommend alternative procedures that produce lower vibration levels such as sonic pile driving or caisson drilling instead of impact pile driving.

At the conclusion of vibration causing activities, the qualified structural engineer shall issue a follow-on letter describing damage, if any, to impacted buildings. The letter shall include recommendations for any repair, as may be necessary, in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. Repairs shall be undertaken and completed in conformance with all applicable codes including the California Historical Building Code (Part 8 of Title 24).

N3 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" that includes industrial uses located within 1,000 feet of a residential land use shall ensure that a noise study is completed that uses the significance thresholds established in the City of Los Angeles CEQA Thresholds Guide (including as it may be amended in the future).

Identified impacts shall be mitigated per the City's Noise Ordinance or through any measures identified in the noise study.

## 4.13.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts?

#### **Project Design Feature**

During construction, the 5850 Project would include the following Project Design Feature:

**PDF-2** All diesel-fueled equipment will use advanced mufflers that reduce noise levels by more than 10 dBA L<sub>max</sub> at 50 feet of distance to ensure compliance with LAMC Section 112.05.

The following analysis is provided to evaluate the noise impacts of the 5850 Project in accordance with the latest guidance and methodologies:

#### **Environmental Setting**

#### Noise-Sensitive Receptors

Land uses sensitive to noise may include residences, transient lodgings, schools, libraries, churches, hospitals, nursing homes, auditoriums, concert halls, amphitheaters, playgrounds, and parks. The Project Site is located in the West Adams CPA, a diverse neighborhood with commercial and retail uses along major roads like Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards. There are also numerous video and audio production studios in this area. Examples of key noise-sensitive receptors within the 5850 Project vicinity include, but are not limited to, the following existing and future developments:

- Jefferson Boulevard Studios, video and audio recording and production studios, 5890 West Jefferson Boulevard; approximately 260 feet south of the Project Site.
- Eastham Drive Studios, video and audio recording and production studios, 3582 Eastham Drive; approximately 280 feet south of the Project Site.
- Cumulus multi-family residences (currently under construction), 3321 South La Cienega Boulevard; approximately 710 feet northeast of the Project Site.
- Cameo Woods multi-family residences, 3648 Kalsman Drive; approximately 860 feet south of the Project Site.
- Bowesfield Residences, 5700 block of Bowesfield Street; approximately 1,060 feet east of the Project Site.
- Willows Community School, 8509 Higuera Street; approximately 1,220 feet southwest of the Project Site.

#### **Existing Ambient Noise Levels**

The Project Site contains a surface parking lot and an existing two-story commercial building. Noise from the parking lot is generally limited to auto-related activities, such as tire squeals, slamming vehicle doors, and vehicle travel.

In August 2019, DKA Planning took short-term noise measurements near the Project Site to determine the ambient noise conditions of the neighborhood near a subset of sensitive receptors representative of the noise environment near the Project Site. For example, the Jefferson Boulevard Studios, approximately 260 feet south of the Project Site, represent the nearest receptors to the south that would be most impacted by construction or operational noise from the Project Site. Noise levels from the Project Site would be lower at other receptors south of this receptor (e.g., Cameo Woods) because of their more distant location and the presence of buildings that would block the line of sight from noise sources and thereby substantially attenuate noise.

As shown in Table 4.13-1, noise levels range from 50 to 60 dBA  $L_{\rm eq}$ . Ambient noise is also influenced by sources typical of residential neighborhoods (e.g., gardeners) and commercial streets (e.g., HVAC noise, construction).

Table 4.13-1 5850 Project Existing Noise Levels

Noise Monitoring Locations	Sound Levels (dBA, L <sub>eq</sub> )
1. Willows Community School	59.5
2. Eastham Drive Studios	54.9
3. Jefferson Boulevard Studios	51.4
4. Bowesfield Residences	56.2
Source: DKA Planning, 2019	

#### **Existing Groundborne Vibration**

There are no substantial sources of groundborne vibration at the Project Site. No sources of vibration were perceptible at any noise measurement locations during the course of the field noise study. On Jefferson Boulevard, there was perceptible groundborne vibration from occasional transit buses and large trucks travelling on this major arterial. However, vibration levels surrounding the Project Site are generally imperceptible, suggesting that vibration levels are typically below the 0.01 inches per second threshold of perception for humans.

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Noise measurements were taken using a Quest Technologies SoundPro DL Sound Level Meter. The SoundPro meter complies with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) for general environmental measurement instrumentation. The meter was equipped with an omni-directional microphone, calibrated before the day's measurements, and set at approximately five feet above the ground.

#### **Noise**

#### Construction

#### On-Site Construction Activities

During all construction phases, noise-generating activities could occur at the Project Site between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM Monday through Friday, in accordance with Section 41.40(a) of the LAMC. On Saturdays, construction would be permitted to occur between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The 5850 Project would require heavy equipment such as excavators, loaders, and other earthmoving vehicles. Smaller equipment such as forklifts, generators, and various powered hand tools would also be utilized. Off-site secondary noises would be generated by construction worker vehicles, vendor deliveries, and haul trucks.

Regulatory compliance with LAMC Section 112.05 would ultimately limit any noise levels from powered construction equipment to 75 dBA or below at 50 feet, as the Project Site is located within 500 feet of zones that allow for residential uses. As provided at the beginning of this section, the 5850 Project would include PDF-2, which states that all diesel-fueled construction equipment would use advanced mufflers to ensure compliance with LAMC Section 112.05. As shown in Table 4.13-2, ambient noise from construction equipment would meet the LAMC's threshold to 75 dBA or lower at 50 feet. Therefore, the 5850 Project's construction noise impacts would be less than significant.

Table 4.13-2
Maximum 5850 Project Construction Noise Levels

Noise Source	Noise Leve	Significant?		
Noise Source	Reference	5850 Project	Significant?	
Backhoe	77.6	67.6	No	
Dozer	81.7	71.7	No	
Excavator	80.7	70.7	No	
Front End Loader	79.1	69.1	No	
Gradall	83.4	73.4	No	
Grader	85.0	<75.0	No	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Noise levels derived from the Federal Highway Administration's Roadway Construction Noise Model, version 1.1 (FHWA RCNM 1.1). Assumes 10 dBA reduction from exhaust mufflers. Assumes inclusion of PDF-2.

Estimated 5850 Project construction noise levels at receptor locations were also modeled assuming the concurrent use of an excavator and loader working in tandem to represent the most conservative-scenario noise source during the construction phase. This analysis relied on the FHWA's estimates for average noise levels from both types of equipment without advanced noise controls (e.g., high efficiency mufflers). As noted earlier, a subset of sensitive receptors was analyzed to represent a range of environmental conditions in the vicinity of the Project Site. While there are additional receptors in the area, these four locations are representative of how

Project construction could affect a variety of areas located near the Project Site. As shown in Table 4.13-3, noise levels from construction activities could reach as high as 67.8 dBA at the Eastham Drive studios, approximately 260 feet to the west across the Ballona Creek channel. As such, construction noise levels at these receptors would also be less than 75.0 dBA.

Table 4.13-3
5850 Project Construction Noise Levels at Sensitive Receptors - Unmitigated

Receptor Location	Estimated Noise Level (dBA, L <sub>eq</sub> )		
1. Willows Community School	55.0		
2. Eastham Drive Studios	67.8		
3. Jefferson Boulevard Studios	67.7		
4. Bowesfield Residences 51.1			
Source: DKA Planning, 2019 based on SoundPLAN Essential 5.0 model runs (included in Appendix E).			

#### Off-Site Construction Activities

With regard to off-site construction-related noise impacts, Section 112.05 of the LAMC does not regulate noise levels from road legal trucks, such as delivery vehicles, concrete mixing trucks, pumping trucks, and haul trucks. However, the operation of these vehicles would still comply with the construction restrictions set forth by Section 41.40 of the LAMC. The 5850 Project is expected to require approximately 21,760 haul trips to export soils to off-site landfills, which would occur over an approximately 136-day grading phase to export soil. Haul trucks would take Jefferson Boulevard to La Cienega Boulevard northbound to the I-10 Freeway.

According to the L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide, a 3 dBA increase in roadway noise levels requires an approximate doubling of roadway traffic volume, assuming that travel speeds and fleet mix remain constant. The grading phase would average approximately 23 haul trucks per hour, over a seven hour day. These trucks would travel along Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards, and would then access the I-10 Freeway to reach landfill locations. The marginal addition of approximately 23 haul trucks per hour to local arterials would represent the equivalent of about 46 passenger vehicles, far less than the doubling of traffic volumes on arterials like La Cienega Boulevard that experience about 2,742 vehicles during the AM peak hour. As a result, haul trucks would increase traffic volumes by approximately 1.7 percent on La Cienega Boulevard, far less than the 100 percent increase needed to increase ambient noise levels by 3 dBA. As a result, the 5850 Project's off-site construction noise impact from haul trucks would be considered less than significant.

Gity of Los Angeles Navigate LA database, LADOT Traffic Data Report ID 4401 (Jefferson Boulevard at La Cienega Boulevard), www.navigatela.lacity.org/navigatela/

#### Operation

#### On-Site Operational Noise Sources

During operations, the 5850 Project would produce noise from both on- and off-site sources. As discussed below, the 5850 Project would not result in an exposure of persons to or a generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies. The 5850 Project would also not increase surrounding noise levels by more than 3 dBA CNEL, the minimum threshold of significance adopted by this analysis. As a result, the 5850 Project's on-site operational noise impacts would be considered less than significant.

Mechanical Equipment. HVAC equipment would be located on the building's rooftop, 320 feet in elevation, where equipment generates a sound pressure level of up to 95 dBA at one foot. This mechanical equipment would generate a sound pressure level of approximately 81.9 dBA L<sub>eq</sub> at five feet. The roof edge on both elevations would create a natural noise barrier that reduces noise levels from rooftop HVAC units by 10 dBA or more, and would reduce any noise exposure for nearby receptors. This is helpful in managing noise, as equipment often operates continuously throughout the day, evening, and night.

Vaults that house pumps, utility fan rooms, and other operational equipment would be located within the subterranean parking levels. As such, this equipment would be fully enclosed within the structure and would produce minimal noise impacts for off-site sensitive receptors that are generally over 260 feet from the Project Site.

Regulatory compliance with LAMC Section 112.02 would further ensure that noises from sources such as heating, air conditioning, and ventilation systems do not increase ambient noise levels at neighboring occupied properties by more than 5 dBA. Given this regulation, the ambient noise levels along Jefferson Boulevard, the relatively quiet operation of modern rooftop-mounted HVAC systems, and distances to receptors, it is unlikely that noise from the 5850 Project's HVAC systems would be audible at off-site locations. The 5850 Project's HVAC systems would be consistent with its surroundings and would not alter the environmental profile of the neighborhood or significantly impact any of the analyzed sensitive receptors.

<u>Parking and Auto-Related Activities.</u> The majority of operational noise from the 5850 Project would come from auto-related activities. This would include approximately 2,910 daily vehicle trips to and from the 5850 Project that would access the Project Site from Jefferson Boulevard. Once in the subterranean parking levels, vehicles would produce other noise (e.g., tire squeal, slamming vehicle doors) that would be contained, as the subterranean parking levels would be fully enclosed on all sides. The location of limited surface parking along the existing building located on the eastern portion of the Project Site would introduce some auto-related noise.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> For reference noise levels of HVAC equipment, see City of Moreno Valley, Moreno Valley WalMart Noise Impact Analysis, Table 901; February 10, 2015 and City of Pomona, Pomona Ranch Plaza WalMart Expansion Project, Table 4.4-5; August 2014.

However, this would be a reduction in ambient noise when compared to the existing surface parking that covers a majority of the Project Site.

<u>Commercial Operational Sources.</u> Noise associated with commercial uses would include a variety of operational sources, including human conversation and activities, trash collection, landscape maintenance, and commercial loading operations. These are discussed below:

- Human conversation and activities. Noise associated with everyday human activities would largely be contained internally within the 22-story building. Noise associated with the outdoor open space surrounding the building could include passive activities such as human conversation. These could also be intermittent activities that would produce minimal impacts from human speech, based in large part on the Lombard effect. This phenomenon recognizes that voice noise levels in face-to-face conversations generally increase proportionally to background ambient noise levels, but only up to approximately 67 dBA at a reference distance of one meter. Specifically, vocal intensity increases about 0.38 dB for every 1.0 dB increase in noise levels above 55 dB, meaning people talk slightly above ambient noise levels in order to communicate.<sup>48</sup>
- Landscape maintenance. Noise from gas-powered leaf blowers, lawnmowers, and other landscape equipment can generate substantial bursts of noise during regular maintenance. For example, gas powered leaf blowers and other equipment with two-stroke engines can generate 100 dBA L<sub>eq</sub> and cause nuisance or potential noise impacts for nearby receptors. Any intermittent landscape equipment would operate during the day and would represent a negligible impact and ultimately be subject to compliance with LAMC Section 112.05 and nuisance regulations.
- Trash collection. On-site trash and recyclable materials would be managed and picked-up in the parking garage, where trash and recycling trucks would access this facility from Jefferson Boulevard. Solid waste activities would include use of trash compactors and hydraulics associated with the refuse trucks themselves. While noise levels of approximately 71 dBA L<sub>eq</sub> and 66 dBA L<sub>eq</sub> could be generated by collection trucks and trash compactors, respectively, at 50 feet of distance, all noise would be buffered from off-site sensitive receptors because of the underground and enclosed location of these activities.<sup>50</sup>
- Commercial loading. On-site loading and unloading activities for the office building would be managed inside the parking garage, where trucks would access these facilities from the northern entrance off Jefferson Boulevard. As this loading activity would occur inside the underground garage, there would be negligible noise impacts on off-site receptors. LAMC

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> Acoustical Society of America, Volume 134; Evidence that the Lombard effect is frequency-specific in humans, Stowe and Golob, July 2013.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Erica Walker et al, Harvard School of Public Health; Characteristics of Lawn and Garden Equipment Sound; 2017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> RK Engineering Group, Inc. Wal-Mart/Sam's Club reference noise level, 2003

Section 114.03 prohibits loading and unloading causing any impulsive sound, raucous or unnecessary noise within 200 feet of any residential building between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM.

The cumulative impact of on-site operational noise sources would include auto-related activity on the surface-level driveways, roof-top HVAC mechanical equipment, and landscape maintenance. Other operational activities would occur in the four-level subterranean garage. As illustrated in Table 4.13-4, the resulting noise impacts on local receptors would be negligible (increases of 0.1 dBA  $L_{eq}$  or less) and would not increase ambient noise levels by 5 dBA  $L_{eq}$  or more. These four off-site locations are a subset of nearby sensitive receptors that represent the range of potential noise impacts near the Project Site. Therefore, the impact of on-site operational noise sources from the 5850 Project would be considered less than significant.

Table 4.13-4
On-Site 5850 Project Operational Noise Impacts at Off-Site Sensitive Receptors

Building	Maximum Operational Noise Level (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> )	Existing Ambient Noise Level (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> )	New Ambient Noise Level (dBA L <sub>eq</sub> )	Increase/ Significant Impact?
1. Willows Community School	25.2	59.5	59.5	0.0/No
2. Eastham Drive Studios	35.6	54.9	55.0	0.1/No
3. Jefferson Boulevard Studios	35.3	51.4	51.5	0.1/No
4. Bowesfield Residences	27.1	56.2	56.2	0.0/No
Source: DKA Planning, 2019	_	•		_

#### Off-Site Operational Noise Sources

The majority of the 5850 Project's operational noise impacts would occur off-site from the approximately 2,910 daily vehicles that would travel to and from Project Site.<sup>51</sup> This would include 346 AM peak hour trips and 344 PM peak hour trips that would use Jefferson Boulevard exclusively when approaching or leaving the Project Site. As noted earlier, the 5850 Project would have to double traffic on local roadways in order to elevate roadway noise levels by 3 dBA L<sub>eq</sub> or more.

However, the 5850 Project's incremental traffic increase on Jefferson Boulevard would only represent approximately 1.3 percent of existing traffic volumes on this arterial. Specifically, even if the 5850 Project's contribution of up to 346 AM peak hour trips were all distributed onto Jefferson Boulevard, it would represent an increase of 12.8 percent of the 2,711 trips on this major arterial. The 5850 Project's traffic noise impact on other streets would be less, as 5850-Project-related traffic would dissipate onto the network of streets in the area.

As such, peak-hour 5850-Project-related traffic would generate far less than a doubling of traffic on Jefferson Boulevard and would result in an inaudible increase in traffic-related noise on local

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Gibson Transportation Consulting, Traffic Impact Analysis For 5850 Jefferson Boulevard Project, June 2020, Appendix F.

streets. Therefore, the 5850 Project's operational impact on off-site ambient noise levels as a result of its net traffic generation would be consistent with the Municipal Code, and the impact would be less than significant.

#### **Vibration**

#### Construction

#### On-Site Sources

Construction of the 5850 Project could require large steel-tracked earthmoving equipment such as excavators. Though these vehicles may be capable of generating maximum vibration levels of 0.089 inches per second PPV at a reference distance of 25 feet, it is important to note that these vehicles would not be capable of operating directly where the 5850 Project's property line abuts adjacent structures. These vehicles would retain some setback to preserve maneuverability, in addition to operating at reduced power and intensity to maintain precision at these locations.

As a result, vibration levels of 0.089 inches per second PPV, representative of maximum, peak operations, would not be generated at the property lines of the 5850 Project. Smaller, more maneuverable and precise equipment and techniques capable of fine grading at property lines would only generate maximum vibration levels of 0.003 inches per second PPV. Table 4.13-5 shows the 5850 Project's estimated construction vibration impacts at the nearest off-site structures. No building would experience potentially damaging levels of groundborne vibration as a result of the 5850 Project's construction activities, and more distant structures would experience lesser impacts. Therefore, the 5850 Project's vibration impacts as generated by onsite construction activities would be considered less than significant.

Table 4.13-5
Building Damage Vibration Levels – On-Site Sources

Building	Distance (feet)	Condition <sup>1</sup>	Significance Criteria (in/sec) <sup>1</sup>	Estimated Maximum Vibration Velocity (in/sec PPV)	Significant Impact?	
		Large Dozer-T	ype Equipment			
5830 West Jefferson Boulevard	45	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.034	No	
Jefferson Boulevard Studios	280	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.008	No	
Eastham Drive Studios	260	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.009	No	
Small Dozer-Type Equipment						
5830 West Jefferson Boulevard	45	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.001	No	

Jefferson Boulevard Studios	280	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.000	No
Eastham Drive Studios	260	Reinforced concrete, steel or timber	0.5	0.000	No

<sup>1</sup>Structural condition and significance criteria based on FTA guidelines issued in the 2018 FTA Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment manual.

Source: DKA Planning, 2019

For structures further away, such as the residences that are over 1,000 feet to the east of the Project Site, vibration-related impacts would be negligible given the distance to these buildings. As such, construction of the 5850 Project would have less than significant vibration impacts on residential buildings east of the Project Site.

#### Off-Site Sources

With regard to off-site construction-related noise impacts, Section 112.05 of the LAMC does not regulate noise levels from road-legal trucks, such as delivery vehicles, concrete mixing trucks, pumping trucks, and haul trucks. However, the operation of these vehicles would still comply with the construction restrictions set forth by Section 41.40 of the LAMC. The 5850 Project is expected to require haul trips to export soils to the off-site Chiquita Canyon Landfill. While a haul route has not been finalized, trucks would likely use Jefferson and La Cienega Boulevards (as shown in Figures 1-29 and 1-30), bypassing local collector roads. Haul trucks would generate occasional noise events at receptors during passbys, but such intermittent noise events would have a limited effect on surrounding ambient noise levels on both major arterials. As a result, the 5850 Project's off-site construction noise impact from haul trucks would be consistent with the Municipal Code.

As discussed earlier, construction of the 5850 Project would generate trips from large trucks including haul trucks, concrete mixing trucks, concrete pumping trucks, and vendor delivery trucks. Regarding building damage, based on FTA data, the vibration generated by a typical heavy-duty truck would be approximately 63 VdB (0.006 PPV) at a distance of 50 feet from the truck. According to the FTA "[i]t is unusual for vibration from sources such as buses and trucks to be perceptible, even in locations close to major roads. Nonetheless, there are existing buildings along the 5850 Project's anticipated haul route(s) that are situated approximately 25 feet from the right-of-way and would be exposed to ground-borne vibration levels of approximately 0.006 PPV. This estimated vibration generated by construction trucks traveling along the anticipated haul route(s) would be well below the most stringent building damage criteria of 0.12 PPV for buildings extremely susceptible to vibration. The 5850 Project's potential to damage roadside buildings and structures as the result of groundborne vibrations generated by its truck trips would therefore be considered less than significant.

Federal Transit Administration, "Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment," May 2006, Figure 7-3.

#### Operation

During 5850 Project operations, there would be no significant stationary sources of groundborne vibration, such as heavy equipment or industrial operations. The 5850 Project's long-term vibration impact from operational sources (primarily passenger vehicles) would be nominal and less than significant.

#### **Airport Noise**

The Project Site is not located within an airport land use plan or within two miles of a public airport or a public use airport. The 5850 Project would therefore not expose people residing or working in the Project area to excessive noise levels from an airport use. Therefore, no impact would occur.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would comply with Mitigation Measure N1 from the Certified EIR.

Mitigation Measure N2 is not applicable to the 5850 Project, as none of the adjacent buildings have been listed or determined eligible to be listed on a historic register. Mitigation Measure N3 is not applicable to the 5850 Project as the 5850 Project does not include the development of an industrial use.

## 4.13.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.13.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to noise impacts. No substantial changes in the environment related to noise have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new significant noise sources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

## 4.13.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure N1 from the Certified EIR. Implementation of this measure would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to noise are less than significant.

### 4.13.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant noise impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified noise impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to noise as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.14 Population and Housing

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)  POPULATION AND HOUSING: Would the project:	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
(a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

## 4.14.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

As discussed in the Certified EIR, the majority of the population growth within the West Adams CPA would occur as a result of the revitalization of underutilized commercial and industrial areas through the strategic location of future development along major activity corridors and activity centers, and also through development around existing and future transit systems. However, the Certified EIR determined that these changes would not introduce unplanned infrastructure that would lead to population growth, such as new streets, street widening, or public transit, as all infrastructure had been previously evaluated in the adopted Community Plan or in the General Plan. The Certified EIR concluded that adoption and implementation of the Community Plan would not directly or indirectly lead to substantial population growth. Moreover, the Community Plan is consistent with the General Plan Framework and Housing Elements. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to population growth.

As stated in the Certified EIR, no residential units are specifically proposed to be demolished, converted to market rate, or removed through other means as a result of the Community Plan. However, the increased residential capacity over existing conditions allowed by the Community Plan could cause temporary population displacement as new buildings are built in place of old ones, or existing buildings are renovated. The temporary nature of this impact, however, does not lead to a significant impact. Moreover, the Community Plan is consistent with the Housing Element, and the housing growth within the West Adams CPA would exceed its population growth, and therefore the Certified EIR concluded that there would be adequate housing to accommodate population growth in the area. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts housing

growth.

Finally, as stated in the Certified EIR, within the West Adams CPA jobs are growing at a rate faster than the City. The Community Plan is consistent with City and SCAG goals and policies by seeking to retain viable existing industrial uses primarily within larger properties, and increasing the amount of commercial zoned land along the area's major east/west commercial corridors. Moreover, the Community Plan allows for an increase of more than 8,000 jobs. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would not contribute to a substantial jobs/housing imbalance, and impacts would be less than significant.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

Impacts related to population and housing were determined to be less than significant for the Community Plan, and therefore, no mitigation measures were required.

## 4.14.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to population and housing were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

The 5850 Project includes the development of approximately 344,947 square feet of office uses, consistent with the existing land use designation and zoning for the Project Site. While the 5850 Project includes a request to amend the CPIO for Parcel E with regards to maximum height (to 320 feet) and maximum individual floor height (up to 37 feet with atrium space up to 52 feet), the Project Site's land use designation of Hybrid Industrial, CM-2D-CPIO zoning and permitted floor area would remain unchanged. Therefore, no residential uses would be developed on the Project Site, and the 5850 Project would not result in a change in the population and housing estimates from those contemplated in the Certified EIR. As such, the 5850 Project would result in no impact with respect to population and housing. In addition, as the Project Site is not currently developed with residential uses, implementation of the 5850 Project would result in no impact with respect to population and housing displacement.

As stated above in the "Air Quality" section, the 5850 Project's office uses could accommodate approximately 1,380 employees. The Certified EIR accounted for an increase of more than 8,000 new jobs through implementation of the Community Plan. As the 5850 Project would be consistent with the Project Site's existing zoning and land use designations, the jobs created by the 5850 Project would be within the projections contained in the Certified EIR, and the 5850 Project would not contribute to a jobs/housing imbalance. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

## 4.14.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

## 4.14.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to population and housing impacts. No substantial changes in the environment related to population and housing have occurred since certification of the EIR that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

### 4.14.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have a less than significant impact on population and housing impacts, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

#### 4.14.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant population and housing impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified population and housing impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to population and housing as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

## 4.15 Public Services and Recreation

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
Public Services: Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:					
(a) Fire protection?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Police protection?	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes
(c) Schools?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d) Parks?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	Yes
(e) Other public facilities?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
RECREATION					
(a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	Yes
(b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

### 4.15.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan could result in a net residential and employment population increase of up to 36,141 residents and 8,334 employees, respectively. It is anticipated that a proportionally greater demand for fire protection and emergency services will occur as a result of the greater number of residents, employees, and commercial activities within the West Adams CPA, creating an increased demand for services at LAFD Fire Station Numbers 26, 34, 43, 58, 66, 68, and 94. The Infrastructure and Public Services Element of the City of Los Angeles General Plan includes policies that require the evaluation of fire service needs based on existing and future conditions. Areas with deficient fire and emergency facilities are identified, and priority is given to the areas in need of upgraded facilities based on established fire protection standards. It is expected that the LAFD will maintain acceptable emergency response times with the provision of additional personnel and equipment as needed, for the duration of time that the Community Plan is in place. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to fire protection and emergency services.

As stated in the Certified EIR, implementation of the Community Plan would increase traffic conditions within the West Adams CPA, which could result in significant impacts to the circulation system. These traffic impacts could reduce police response times. However, with implementation of the Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Program (discussed below under "Transportation"), impacts to the circulation system would be reduced. In addition, the incremental increase in population occurring over the course of the 20-year planning period would ultimately result in an increase in demand for police protection services within the West Adams CPA. The Community Plan would implement Mitigation Measure PS1 to reduce impacts to police services. The Certified EIR concluded that impacts to police services would be less than significant after implementation of this mitigation measure.

With regard to impacts related to schools, any development associated with the Community Plan would be subject to California Government Code Section 65995, which would allow the LAUSD to collect impact fees from developers of new residential and commercial/industrial space. Furthermore, SB 50 protects schools from overcrowding as it authorizes schools to collect fees, which would offset costs associated with increasing school capacity, as a result of development projects. As stated in the Certified EIR, the provisions of SB 50 are deemed to provide full and complete mitigation of school facilities impacts. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to schools.

With regard to impacts to parks and recreational facilities, the Certified EIR stated that the Community Plan would increase the population in the West Adams CPA, while the overall acreage of open space land uses would remain unchanged, and the acreage of public facilities land uses (which includes: agricultural uses, parking under freeways, fire and police stations, government buildings, public libraries, post offices, public health facilities, public elementary and secondary schools) would decrease slightly by seven acres, or two percent. Consequently, the

Certified EIR stated that the acreage of open space and public facilities within the West Adams CPA remains insufficient. Mitigation Measures PS2 through PS4 were provided with respect to parks and recreational facilities. However, the Certified EIR concluded that the population increase, due to implementation of the Community Plan, would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to public parks and recreational facilities.

With regard to libraries, the Certified EIR stated that the Community Plan would increase the demand for library services and resources of the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) System. The LAPL Branch Facilities Plan will continue to forecast future demand for library facilities and ensure that adequate facilities and related improvements are available to serve the new developments within the West Adams CPA. However, the majority of the projected increase in population would likely use the Washington Irving and Baldwin Hills Libraries, which would require the expansion of the existing libraries or the development of a new library. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant and unavoidable impact with respect to libraries.

#### **Mitigation Measures**

- PS1 Discretionary projects in the CPIO or the Crenshaw Corridor Specific Plan shall be reviewed at the discretion of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Per department standards, the LAPD will determine if any additional crime prevention and security features would be available that are consistent with the development standards as applied to the design of the project. Any additional design features identified by the LAPD shall be incorporated into the project's final design and to the satisfaction of LAPD, prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the project.
- **PS2** Subject to available resources and funding, the City shall prioritize the implementation of recreation and park projects in parts of the West Adams Community Plan Area with the greatest existing deficiencies.
- PS3 Subject to available resources and funding, the City shall establish joint-use agreements with the Los Angeles Unified School District and other public and private entities which could contribute to the availability of recreational opportunities in the West Adams Community Plan Area.
- PS4 Subject to available resources and funding, the City shall monitor appropriate recreation and park statistics and compare with population projections and demand to identify the existing and future recreation and park needs of the West Adams Community Plan Area.

## 4.15.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to public services and recreation were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

#### Fire

#### Construction

Construction activities associated with the 5850 Project may temporarily increase demand for fire protection and emergency medical services. Construction activities may also cause the occasional exposure of combustible materials, such as wood, plastics, sawdust, coverings and coatings, to heat sources from machinery and equipment sparking, exposed electrical lines, welding activities, and chemical reactions in combustible materials and coatings.

To comply with California Department of Industrial Relations (Cal-OSHA) and State and City Fire and Building Code requirements, construction managers and personnel would be trained in fire prevention and emergency response, and fire suppression equipment specific to construction would be maintained on-site. 53 5850 Project construction would comply with all applicable codes and ordinances related to the maintenance of mechanical equipment, handling and storage of flammable materials, and cleanup of spills of flammable materials. Thus, in light of City and State regulations and code requirements that would, in part, require personnel to be trained in fire prevention and emergency response, maintenance of fire suppression equipment, and implementation of proper procedures for storage and handling of flammable materials, construction impacts on fire protection and emergency medical services would be less than significant.

Construction activities also have the potential to affect fire protection services, such as emergency vehicle response, by adding construction traffic to the street network and by necessitating partial lane closures during street improvements and utility installations. These impacts, while potentially adverse, would be less than significant for the following reasons:

- Construction activities are temporary in nature and do not create continuing risks;
- General "good housekeeping" procedures employed by the construction contractors and the work crews (e.g., maintaining mechanical equipment, proper storage of flammable materials, cleanup of spills of flammable liquid) would minimize these hazards; and
- Partial lane closures would not significantly affect emergency vehicles, the drivers of
  which normally have a variety of options for dealing with traffic, such as using their
  sirens to clear a path of travel or driving in the lanes of opposing traffic. Additionally, if
  there are partial closures to streets surrounding the Project Site, flagmen would be used
  to facilitate the traffic flow until such temporary street closures are complete.

Impacts on traffic that could potentially affect emergency response are addressed through a Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP), which includes traffic management strategies for 5850 Project construction. The CTMP would outline and dictate how construction operations would be carried out, and would identify specific actions to reduce effects on the surrounding

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community. The CTMP would be based on the nature and timing of specific construction activities and other projects in the vicinity.

In addition to traffic, there are a number of factors that influence emergency response, including alarm transfer time, alarm answering and processing time, mobilization time, risk appraisal, geography, distance, traffic signals, and roadway characteristics. It is acknowledged that, even with the CTMP, the 5850 Project could incrementally increase traffic, which could potentially delay emergency response times. However, the 5850 Project's potential impacts are minimal given these other factors.

Overall, construction is not considered to be a high-risk activity, and the LAFD is equipped and prepared to deal with construction-related traffic and fires should they occur. Due to the limited duration of construction activities and compliance with applicable codes, 5850 Project construction would not be expected to adversely impact firefighting and emergency services to the extent that there would be a need for new or expanded fire facilities in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives of the LAFD. Therefore, impacts on fire protection services associated with construction of the 5850 Project would be less than significant.

#### Operation

#### Fire Flow

Prior to construction of the 5850 Project, the Water Operations Division of LADWP would perform a detailed fire-flow study at the time of permit review (Plan Check) in order to ascertain whether further water system or site-specific improvements would be necessary. In addition, the LAFD would review the plans for compliance with applicable City Fire Code, California Fire Code, City of Los Angeles Building Code, and National Fire Protection Association standards, thereby ensuring that the Project would not create any undue fire hazard. Thus, fire flow to the Project Site would be adequate, and the associated impact would be less than significant.

#### Response Distance

The Project Site would be served by Station No. 94, located at 4470 Coliseum Street, approximately two miles from the Project Site. LAFD's ability to provide adequate fire protection and emergency response services to a site is determined by the response distance and the degree to which emergency response vehicles can successfully navigate the given access ways and adjunct circulation system, which is largely dependent on roadway congestion along the response route. As the 5850 Project would be located more than 1.5 miles from Station No. 94, fire sprinklers would be required. Additionally, as stated previously, the 5850 Project would be required to comply with applicable City Fire Code, California Fire Code, City of Los Angeles Building Code, and National Fire Protection Association standards, and would be required to include features such as an emergency and standby power system, a fire command center, established emergency procedures, emergency stairways, automatic fire-extinguishing system, automatic smoke detection system, emergency voice/alarm communication system, manual alarm fire boxes, etc. Given the incorporation of fire sprinklers and other fire protection systems

within the proposed building, 5850 Project impacts related to response distance would be less than significant.

#### Emergency Access

The LAFD would review the 5850 Project plans for compliance with the Los Angeles Fire Code, California Fire Code, City of Los Angeles Building Code, and National Fire Protection Association standards, thereby ensuring that the 5850 Project would not create any undue fire hazard. The 5850 Project would include an emergency response plan that would address the following: mapping of emergency exits, evacuation routes for vehicles and pedestrians, and locations of nearest hospitals and fire departments. Through compliance with applicable provisions of the Fire Code, 5850 Project impacts related to emergency access would be less than significant.

#### Conclusion

Consistent with the ruling of *City of Hayward v. Board Trustees of California State* University (2015) 242 Cal.App.4th 833 and the requirements stated in the California Constitution Article XIII, Section 35(a)(2), the obligation to provide adequate fire protection and emergency medical services is the responsibility of the City. Through the City's regular budgeting efforts, LAFD's resource needs, including staffing, equipment, trucks and engines, ambulances, other special apparatuses and possibly station expansions or new station construction, would be identified and allocated according to the priorities at the time. If LAFD determines that new facilities are necessary at some point in the future, such facilities (1) would occur where allowed under the designated land use, (2) would be located on parcels that are infill opportunities on lots that are between 0.5 and 1 acre in size, and (3) could qualify for a categorical exemption or Mitigated Negative Declaration under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 or 15332 and would not be expected to result in significant impacts<sup>54</sup>. Further analysis, including a specific location, would be speculative and beyond the scope of this document. Thus, the 5850 Project impacts on fire protection and emergency medical services would be less than significant.

#### **Police**

#### Construction

Although there is the potential for 5850 Project construction to create an increase in demand for police protection services, the 5850 Project would provide security on the Project Site as needed and appropriate during the construction process. This security could include perimeter fencing, lighting, and security guards, thereby reducing the demand for LAPD services. The specific type and combination of construction site security features would depend on the phase of construction. The Project Applicant would install temporary construction fencing to secure the Project Site during the construction phase to ensure that valuable materials (e.g., building

Although an EIR was prepared for the construction of Fire Station 39, the EIR concluded there would be no significant impacts. See, Notice of Determination for Van Nuys Fire Station 39, at http://eng2.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/docs/vannuys\_fs39/NOD\_160701.pdf

supplies and metals such as copper wiring), as well as construction equipment are not easily stolen or abused.

During construction, emergency response vehicles can use a variety of options for dealing with traffic, such as using their sirens to clear a path of travel or driving in the lanes of opposing traffic. Lights and other identifying noises compel traffic to pull to the side where available to provide access through traffic. Although minor traffic delays due to potential lane closures could occur during construction, particularly during the construction of utilities and street improvements, impacts to police response times are considered to be less than significant for the following reasons:

- (1) Emergency access would be maintained to the Project Site during construction through marked emergency access points approved by the LAPD;
- (2) Construction impacts are temporary in nature and do not cause lasting effects; and
- (3) Partial lane closures, if determined to be necessary, would not significantly affect emergency vehicles, the drivers of which normally have a variety of options for avoiding traffic, such as using their sirens to clear a path of travel or driving in the lanes of opposing traffic. Additionally, if there are partial closures to streets surrounding the Project Site, flagmen would be used to facilitate the traffic flow until such temporary street closures are complete.

Construction of the 5850 Project would not affect the LAPD's ability to respond to emergencies to the extent that there is no need for any additional new or expanded police facilities, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives of the LAPD. For these reasons, 5850 Project construction impacts on police services would be less than significant.

#### Operation

The 5850 Project would include security features such as appropriate lighting in and around the proposed office building and controlled access to the subterranean parking garage. The 5850 Project would include defensible spaces designed to reduce opportunity crimes and ensure safety and security. In addition, the lighting and landscaping design would ensure high visibility. Finally, the 5850 Project would comply with Mitigation Measure PS1 from the Certified EIR, which would ensure that the 5850 Project incorporates all crime prevention features recommended by the LAPD. Emergency access to the Project Site would be provided by the existing street system. The 5850 Project's commercial (office) nature and associated lower demand for police services, along with the provision of on-site security features, coordination with LAPD, and incorporation of crime prevention features, would not require the provision of new or physically altered police stations in order to maintain acceptable service ratios or other performance objectives for police protection. Additionally, the 5850 Project would also contribute to the General Fund, a portion of which is allocated to the LAPD and other public services. Moreover, consistent with *City of Hayward v. Trustees of California State University* (2015) 242

Cal.App.4th 833, significant impacts under CEQA consist of adverse changes in any of the physical conditions within the area of a project, and potential impacts on public safety services are not an environmental impact that CEQA requires a project applicant to mitigate. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts related to police protection services would be less than significant.

#### **Schools**

The 5850 Project includes development of the Project Site with an office building, which would not result in a direct demand for school services. Additionally, pursuant to the California Government Code Section 65995, the Project Applicant would be required to pay school fees established by the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), payment of which in accordance with existing rules and regulations regarding the calculation and payment of such fees would, by law, provide full and complete mitigation for any potential direct and indirect impacts to schools as a result of the Project. Therefore, 5850 Project impacts to school services would be less than significant.

#### **Parks and Recreation**

The 5850 Project includes development of the Project Site with an office building. Employees generated by the proposed office uses would not typically enjoy long periods of time during the workday to visit parks, and they would be more likely to use parks near their homes during nonwork hours. In addition, the 5850 Project includes approximately 47,854 square feet of landscaping at the ground level, which is over 24 percent coverage of the Project Site and which creates a park-like venue that surrounds the proposed office building. This would include landscaping and pathways, paseos, and community seating and gathering areas. The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan would create additional demand at park and recreational facilities, and concluded that there would be a significant and unavoidable impact with respect to park and recreational facilities. The demand for parks and recreational facilities in the City is generally determined based on the number of residents a project would generate and the City's parkland acreage-to-population ratios are based on residential population and not employee population. However, the 5850 Project includes only commercial uses, which would not generate a residential population that would result in additional demand for parks and recreational facilities. Instead, the 5850 Project would generate employees who would not typically enjoy long periods of time during the workday to visit parks. In addition, the 5850 Project would include a park-like venue surrounding the proposed office building that would provide recreational opportunities during lunchtime or other breaks from work, and which would serve the needs of the 5850 Project. For these reasons, the 5850 Project would not result in additional demand for park and recreational facilities, and the 5850 Project's impacts would be less than significant.

In addition, the 5850 Project does not include the construction of recreational facilities outside of the Project Site boundaries, such as a park. Therefore, the 5850 Project does not involve the construction of recreational facilities that would have an adverse physical effect on the environment, and no impact would occur.

#### Libraries

The 5850 Project includes development of the Project Site with an office building. Employees generated by the proposed office uses would not typically enjoy long periods of time during the workday to visit libraries, and they would be more likely to use libraries near their homes during non-work hours. In addition, it is likely that employees working in the proposed office building would have individual access to internet service, which provides information and research capabilities that studies have shown to reduce demand at physical library locations <sup>55,56,57</sup> The Certified EIR stated that implementation of the Community Plan would create additional demand at the Washington Irving and Baldwin Hills Libraries, and concluded that there would be a significant and unavoidable impact with respect to library facilities. However, as the 5850 Project includes only commercial uses, it would not result in additional demand for library facilities, and the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to library facilities would be less than significant.

### **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure PS1 from the Certified EIR. Mitigation Measures PS2 through PS4 are directed to the City and not at specific development projects. Therefore, Mitigation Measures PS2 through PS4 would not be applicable to the 5850 Project.

# 4.15.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

# 4.15.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to public services impacts. No substantial changes in the environment related to public services have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new significant noise sources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.15.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

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To Read or Not To Read", see pg. 10: "Literary reading declined significantly in a period of rising Internet use": <a href="http://www.nea.gov/research/toread.pdf">http://www.nea.gov/research/toread.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> "How and Why Are Libraries Changing?" Denise A. Troll, Distinguished Fellow, Digital Library Federation: <a href="http://old.diglib.org/use/whitepaper.htm">http://old.diglib.org/use/whitepaper.htm</a>.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Use and Users of Electronic Library Resources: An Overview and Analysis of Recent Research Studies", Carol Tenopir: <a href="http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub120/contents.html">http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub120/contents.html</a>.

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure PS1 from the Certified EIR. Mitigation Measures PS2 through PS4 are directed to the City and not at specific development projects. Therefore, Mitigation Measures PS2 through PS4 would not be applicable to the 5850 Project.

## 4.15.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant public services impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified public services impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to public services as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.16 Transportation

	ues (and supporting ormation Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
	NSPORTATION / TRAFFIC: Would project:					
, ,	Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
` ,	Conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3 subdivision (b)?	Significant and Unavoidable	No	No	No	No
	Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
٠,,	Result in inadequate emergency access?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

This section is based on the Certified EIR and the following items, which are included as **Appendix F** to this Addendum:

- **F-1** Memorandum of Understanding, LADOT, February 24, 2020.
- **F-2** Transportation Assessment, Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc., June 2020.
- F-3 LADOT Letter, July 8, 2020.
- **F-4** <u>Traffic Evaluation of Community Plan Relative to 5850 Jefferson Boulevard,</u> Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc., February 25, 2020.

# 4.17.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

The Community Plan includes a Transportation Improvement and Mitigation Program (TIMP) that consists of Bicycle Facility Improvements, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies, a Residential Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, Transportation Systems Management (TSM) Strategies, Highway Infrastructure Improvements, Street System Classification Changes, and Public Transit Improvements. These plans are designed to reduce traffic impacts and improve the circulation system within the West Adams CPA. However, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to the circulation system.

Additionally, the significant impact criteria established by the Congestion Management Program

(CMP) states that a project would generate significant regional freeway impacts if the project increases traffic demand on a CMP facility by two percent of capacity (V/C > 0.02), causing or worsening LOS F (V/C> 1.00). As stated in the Certified EIR, the implementation of the Community Plan would generate significant regional freeway impacts at one freeway monitoring station due to an increase of traffic demand greater than two percent that would worsen an existing LOS F. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a significant and unavoidable impact related to the CMP.<sup>58</sup>

Existing emergency response routes are maintained in their existing locations and all related development would be designed in accordance with City standards, which include provisions that address emergency access. In addition, the proposed West Adams TIMP also includes highway infrastructure improvements and street system classification changes that facilitate emergency access. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to emergency access.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the West Adams CPA is currently served by 33 Metro bus lines, six LADOT bus lines, and four Santa Monica bus lines. Implementation of the Community Plan could intensify development around proposed TOD areas, which would allow for an increase in both jobs and housing. Locating jobs near housing can help reduce commutes, increase walking and biking rates, thereby creating a benefit for public health. The proposed West Adams TIMP also includes a number of public transit improvements to encourage and facilitate transit ridership and proposes to increase the number of bike lanes along certain corridors. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.

# 4.16.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to transportation were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

# Methodology

SB 743, made effective in January 2014, required the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to change the CEQA Guidelines regarding the analysis of transportation impacts. Under SB 743, the focus of transportation analysis shifts from driver delay (level of service [LOS]) to VMT, with the intent of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), creating multimodal networks, and promoting mixed-use developments.

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As of August 28, 2019, the provisions of the CMP no longer apply to any of the jurisdictions in Los Angeles County, including the City of Los Angeles.

On July 30, 2019, the Los Angeles City Council approved revisions to the City's transportation analyses approach to incorporate new screening procedures and thresholds compliant with SB 743. LADOT's Transportation Assessment Guidelines (TAG) defines and provides the required methodology of analyzing a project's transportation impacts in accordance with SB 743.

Per the TAG, the CEQA transportation analysis contains the following thresholds for identifying significant impacts:

- Threshold T-1: Conflicting with Plans, Programs, Ordinances, or Policies
- Threshold T-2.1: Causing Substantial Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Threshold T-2.2: Substantially Inducing Additional Automobile Travel
- Threshold T-3: Substantially Increasing Hazards Due to a Geometric Design Feature or Incompatible Use
- Threshold T-4: Would the project result in inadequate emergency access?

These thresholds are reviewed and analyzed below.

## Conflicting with Plans, Programs, Ordinances, or Policies

Table 2.1-1 of the TAG provides the City plans, policies, programs, ordinances, and standards relevant in determining project consistency. Table 2.1-2 of the TAG provides a list of questions to help guide whether a project conflicts with the City's plans, programs, ordinances, or policies. As discussed below, the 5850 Project is consistent and does not conflict with the City's plans, policies, programs, ordinances, and standards listed in Table 2.1-1 of the TAG. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in a significant impact under Threshold T-1. Detailed discussions of the plans, programs, ordinances, or policies related to the 5850 Project are provided below.

# **Mobility Plan**

As noted in the TAG, the Transportation Element of the City's General Plan, the "Mobility Plan 2035," offers a comprehensive vision and set of policies and programs the City aims to achieve to provide streets that are safe and convenient for all users. The Mobility Plan was adopted as an update to the City's General Plan Transportation Element (last adopted in 1999) and provides the foundation for achieving a balance of infrastructure for all travel modes. As the City's transportation network continues to evolve in the context of environmental constraints, public health issues, regional inequity, and congestion, the Mobility Plan addresses many of these issues through policy initiatives. The Mobility Plan combines "complete street" principles with the following five goals that define the City's mobility priorities:

1. <u>Safety First</u>: Design and operate streets in a way that enables safe access for all users, regardless of age, ability, or transportation mode of choice.

- World Class Infrastructure: A well-maintained and connected network of streets, paths, bikeways, trails, and more provides Angelenos with the optimum variety of mode choices.
- 3. <u>Access for All Angelenos</u>: A fair and equitable system must be accessible to all and must pay particularly close attention to the most vulnerable users.
- 4. <u>Collaboration, Communication, and Informed Choices</u>: The impact of new technologies on our day-to-day mobility demands will continue to become increasingly important to the future. The amount of information made available by new technologies must be managed responsibly in the future.
- 5. <u>Clean Environments and Healthy Communities</u>: Active transportation modes such as bicycling and walking can significantly improve personal fitness and create new opportunities for social interaction, while lessening impacts on the environment.

These goals can create opportunities to address the inequities in the City that have limited quality of life in low-income communities. By placing a citywide emphasis on safety, access, and health, the City can begin to address disadvantage by connecting people to more prospects of success through mobility.

The 5850 Project's urban location and site access do not conflict with implementation of the goals of the Mobility Plan, as the 5850 Project provides employment in proximity to regional transit connections which fulfills a primary goal of bringing people from longer distances without requiring a personal vehicle commute. The 5850 Project's primary driveway would be located on Jefferson Boulevard, a designated Modified Avenue II in the Mobility Plan, at the southern edge of the property, and the 5850 Project's secondary driveway for loading/unloading would be located at the existing driveway on the northern edge of the property. Jefferson Boulevard is part of the Bicycle Network and has an existing bicycle lane on both sides of the street, which will remain with development of the 5850 Project.

A 10-foot required dedication along the Project Site's Jefferson Boulevard frontage was previously recorded by the City in November 2018. The Applicant is proposing to utilize this area as a part of the 5850 Project for pedestrian and streetscape enhancement and additional landscaping.

A new curb cut would be provided on Jefferson Boulevard at the south end of the Project frontage to accommodate the proposed new Project driveway. This driveway would be located approximately 1,000 feet south of National Boulevard and 700 feet north of Obama Boulevard. No other mid-block crossings exist in this area. The curb cut would be designed in accordance with LADOT guidelines to ensure compliance with existing code requirements for intersection spacing, pedestrian, and vehicular safety. Having met traffic signal warrants, the proposed Project driveway would be signalized with continental crosswalks for high visibility crossings of pedestrians (north/south) and bicyclists (north/south and east/west). The west side of Jefferson Boulevard abuts Ballona Creek and does not include a sidewalk but does provide a southbound

bicycle lane. Additionally, the Project Site includes ample pedestrian and bicycle open space as part of the designed park-like features.

The 5850 Project does not propose repurposing existing curb space and does not propose narrowing or shifting existing sidewalk placement or paving, narrowing, shifting, or removing an existing parkway.

Although the 5850 Project would introduce a new driveway connected to a Modified Avenue II, measures would be taken to ensure the safety of all road users, including the signalization of the intersection with high-visibility crosswalks. Located close to regional transit, the 5850 Project can induce a workforce from a variety of communities, while providing a safe, clean, healthy, and accessible environment. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not be in conflict with the stated goals of Mobility Plan, nor does the 5850 Project interfere with the implementation of Mobility Plan elements.

### Specific Plans

The Project is not located within an area currently governed by a Specific Plan and, therefore, this does not apply to the Project.

### Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles

Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles: A Health and Wellness Element of the General Plan introduces guidelines for the City to follow to enhance the City's position as a regional leader in health and equity, encourage healthy design and equitable access, and increase awareness of equity and environmental issues. The components of this plan focus on health and wellness through increased quality of life, economic development, equity and environmental justice, housing and community stability, mobility, and open space.

Located close to regional transit connectors with enhanced pedestrian streetscapes to entice transit use, the 5850 Project is able to promote economic development by expanding job opportunities to all communities. By providing open park-like spaces with accessible and connected pedestrian and bicycle passages, the 5850 Project encourages outdoor activities, increases mobility options for transit, walking, bicycling, and provides jobs to contribute to a stable community.

Therefore, elements of the 5850 Project promote many of the goals and objectives of the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles.

#### Land Use Element of the General Plan

The City General Plan's Land Use Element contains 35 Community Plans that establish specific goals and strategies for the various neighborhoods across Los Angeles. As detailed in the *West Adams – Baldwin Hills – Leimert Community Plan*, the Project Site sits along Jefferson Boulevard, identified as a designated Modified Avenue II, and is adjacent to the intersection of

the North Project Driveway & Jefferson Boulevard (Intersection #8). The Project Site is designated in the Community Plan as a Hybrid Industrial Zone.

The Community Plan lists the following general site and building design industrial guidelines to be considered for a Hybrid Industrial Zone development:

- G80. Public frontages, facades and site edges should be attractive and well maintained.
- G81. Visibility for security purposes should be balanced with screening of stored goods and industrial activities.
- G82. Pedestrian access paths to public entrances should be delineated clearly from vehicular and truck access.
- G83. All truck turning movements necessary to enter or exit loading docks should be accommodated entirely within the site.
- G84. Driveways and curb cuts at the property edge should be the minimum number and size. Wherever possible, driveways should be shared in new developments.
- G85. Visitor parking should be provided separately from employee and truck parking or loading areas.
- G86. New buildings should be setback from the public sidewalk to provide a landscape buffer.
- G87. When abandoned rights-of-way are included in a redeveloped industrial site, they should be integrated as passive or active outdoor space.

The 5850 Project aligns with each of these goals and policies of the hybrid industrial land uses within the Community Plan with attractive frontages, placing parking decks below grade, performing loading activities occurring wholly on-site, minimizing the number of required driveways and providing potential future shared driveway options, separating individual vehicles from large trucks, constructing buildings setback with a landscape buffer, and maintaining ample outdoor open space.

#### West Adams-Baldwin Hills-Leimert CPIO

The CPIO District is a specialized zoning tool used in part to encourage the creation of pedestrian-friendly, multi-modal transit villages where jobs, housing, goods and services, as well as access to open space, are all located within walking distance of station areas. The CPIO District can help reinforce existing community character while directing new density to neighborhoods that can accommodate growth.

A complete traffic analysis was conducted to compare the 5850 Project within the context of the CPIO and is included as Appendix F-4 to this Addendum. The results of the analysis demonstrate that the 5850 Project is in substantial conformance to the assumptions made by

the Community Plan for zoning and density, as analyzed in the EIR certified by the City on June 29, 2016.

#### **LAMC Section 12.21.A.16**

LAMC Section 12.21.A.16 details the bicycle parking requirements for new developments. However, new bicycle parking requirements have been developed by the City, and the 5850 Project would follow the new requirements set out by the City which requires office projects to provide short-term bicycle parking at 1 per 10,000 square feet and long-term spaces at 1 per 5,000 square feet. Per the updated LAMC, the 5850 Project's proposed 344,947 square feet of office would require a total of 35 short-term and 69 long-term bicycle parking spaces.

The 5850 Project's proposed 40 short-term and 79 long-term bicycle spaces meet the LAMC requirements for on-site bicycle parking supply.

#### LAMC Section 12.26J

LAMC Section 12.26J, the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance, establishes trip reduction requirements for non-residential projects in excess of 25,000 square feet. The 5850 Project would incorporate TDM measures as part of the Project design aimed at encouraging use of alternative transportation modes consistent with the requirements set forth in the TDM Ordinance.

#### Vision Zero Action Plan / Vision Zero Corridor Plans

The primary goal of Vision Zero is to eliminate traffic deaths in the City of Los Angeles by 2025 through a number of strategies, including modifying the design of streets to increase safety. Vision Zero implements projects that are designed to increase safety for the most vulnerable road users. The City has identified numerous streets as part of the High Injury Network where City projects will be targeted. The City has also created an Action Plan, which identifies the types of improvements that will be implemented

The Project Site is not located adjacent to a street identified on the High Injury Network. However, within the Study Area, Venice Boulevard (approximately 1 mile west of the Project Site) and La Cienega Boulevard (approximately 0.4 miles east of the Project Site) are identified as part of the High Injury Network. As of February 2020, no Vision Zero improvements have been made on these streets within the Study Area.

Because the 5850 Project is not located on the high injury network and does not propose modifications for streets designated in the High Injury Network, no conflict with the Vision Zero plan would occur.

### Streetscape Plans

Streetscape plans are a collaboration between LADOT and the Los Angeles Department of City Planning to provide pedestrian friendly corridors and an enhanced sense of identity in various

local areas throughout the City. No streets within the Study Area have a proposed Streetscape Plan.

#### Citywide Design Guidelines for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Development

Citywide Design Guidelines incorporates urban design principles pertaining to pedestrian-first design that serves to reduce VMT. The three primary guidelines of this document are: (1) to promote a safe, comfortable and accessible pedestrian experience for all; (2) to carefully incorporate vehicular access such that it does not degrade the pedestrian experience; and (3) to design projects to actively engage with streets and public space and maintain human scale.

While the 5850 Project would introduce a new driveway along Jefferson Boulevard, a designated Modified II in the Mobility Plan, this driveway would be signalized and provide safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists. Future development adjacent to the 5850 Project may also be eligible to share this driveway to further limit curb-cuts.

Additionally, the Project Site is located on a corner lot adjacent to Jefferson Boulevard & North Project Driveway (Intersection #8), which provides access along the north edge of the Project Site and is expected to accommodate low traffic volumes, provide 5850 Project loading wholly within the Project Site boundary to minimize activity and conflicts with pedestrians, and provide secondary access relief.

The 5850 Project promotes pedestrian-first accommodations through park-like frontages, high visibility connections, increased sidewalk passages through the open space, and proximity to transit. No transportation elements of the 5850 Project are in conflict with the Citywide Design Guidelines.

#### Walkability Checklist

City of Los Angeles Walkability Checklist – Guidance for Entitlement Review serves as a guide for creating improved conditions for pedestrians to travel and contribute to the overall walkability of the City and includes the following topics:

- Sidewalks
- Crosswalks/Street Crossings
- On-Street Parking
- Utilities
- Building Orientation
- Off-Street Parking and Driveways
- On-Site Landscaping

- · Building Façade
- · Building Signage and Lighting

The 5850 Project incorporates many of the recommended strategies applicable to office developments, including but not limited to providing continuous and adequate sidewalks along the Project Site, designing direct primary entrances for pedestrians to be visible and ADA accessible, close proximity to mass transit, and locating off-street parking away from the adjacent major street. The 5850 Project's building orientation provides an ease of accessibility. On-site landscaping adds visual interest and differentiates the public pedestrian areas from the private zones. Signage and lighting is expected to create visual cues for pedestrians, complement the character of surrounding buildings, and enhance pedestrian safety and comfort. Therefore, the 5850 Project is consistent with the Walkability Checklist.

# LADOT Transportation Technology Strategy - Urban Mobility in a Digital Age

The LADOT transportation technology strategy, based on *Urban Mobility in a Digital Age: A Transportation Technology Strategy for Los Angeles*, is designed to ensure the City stays on top of emerging transportation technologies as both a regulator and a transportation service provider. This strategy document includes the following goals:

- <u>Data as a Service</u>: Providing and receiving real-time data to improve the City's ability to serve transportation needs.
- <u>Mobility as a Service</u>: Improving the experience of mobility consumers by encouraging partnerships across different modes and fostering clear communication between transportation service providers.
- <u>Infrastructure as a Service</u>: Re-thinking how the City pays for, maintains, and operates public, physical infrastructure to provide more transparency.

The policy recommendations for this technology strategy include creating robust communications infrastructure, gathering crowd-sourced data, and implementing future automation, for which the 5850 Project is not directly involved; however some of the ancillary support issues such as reducing/eliminating parking minimums, establishing efficient pedestrian corridors, and providing better connections with transit (i.e., first-mile/last-mile), the 5850 Project is assisting with these objectives and does not interfere with implementing the general policy recommendations and/or pilot proposals set forth by this document.

# Mobiliy Hub Reader's Guide

Mobility Hubs: A Reader's Guide provides guidance for enhancing transportation connections and multi-modal improvements in proximity to new or existing transit stations, focusing on mobility hub amenities such as bicycle connections (bike share, bike parking, bike facilities), vehicle connections (ride share opportunities, car share services, electronic vehicle stations),

bus infrastructure (layover zones, shelters) information signage (wayfinding, real-time information, wi-fi connectivity), support services (ambassadors, waiting areas, safety/security, sustainable approach), active uses (retail, public spaces), and pedestrian connections (to the hub and at the hub).

The 5850 Project incorporates several of these components, including: (1) short-term and long-term bicycle parking which enhances the first-mile/last-mile connectivity to transit; (2) electronic vehicle charging stations to encourage alternative fuel vehicles; and (3) active public open spaces that are well-lit with adequate wayfinding for the safety and comfort of pedestrians. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not conflict with the Mobility Hub Reader's Guide.

### LADOT Manual of Policies and Procedures (Design Standards)

Manual of Policies and Procedures provides plans and requirements for traffic infrastructure features in the City, such as roadway striping and other markings, signage, on-street parking, crosswalks, and turn lanes. The 5850 Project is not seeking exemptions from any of the transportation policies and procedures contained in this document. Additionally, the 5850 Project would comply with all applicable LADOT design standards.

### Conclusion - Consistency with Plans and Policies

The 5850 Project is consistent with the City plans and policies listed in Table 2.1-1 of the TAG along with the described documents above; therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in a significant impact under Threshold T-1.

### **Causing Substantial Vehicle Miles Traveled**

Threshold T-2.1 states that a residential project would result in a significant VMT impact if it would generate household VMT per capita exceeding 15% below the existing average household VMT per capita for the City's Area Planning Commission (APC) area in which a project is located. Similarly, a commercial project would result in a significant VMT impact if it would generate work VMT per employee exceeding 15% below the existing average work VMT per employee for the APC area in which the project is located.

The thresholds of significance further point out that, generally, projects located within one-half mile of either an existing major transit stop or a stop along an existing high-quality transit corridor should be presumed to cause a less than significant transportation impact. Projects that decrease vehicle miles traveled in the project area compared to existing conditions should be presumed to have a less than significant transportation impact (*City of Los Angeles CEQA Transportation Thresholds*, page 4, footnote 3). The 5850 Project is located less than one-half mile from an existing major transit stop.

The VMT analysis presented below was conducted in accordance with the TAG, and in compliance with State requirements under SB 743.

### VMT Methodology

In accordance with SB 743, LADOT developed *City of Los Angeles VMT Calculator Version 1.2* (VMT Calculator) in November 2019 to estimate project-specific daily household VMT per capita and daily work VMT per employee for developments within City limits, which are based on the following types of one-way trips:

- Home-Based Work Production: trips to a workplace destination originating from a residential use at a project site.
- <u>Home-Based Other Production</u>: trips to a non-workplace destination (e.g., retail, restaurant, etc.) originating from a residential use at a project site.
- <u>Home-Based Work Attraction</u>: trips to a workplace destination at a project site originating from a residential use.

As detailed in *City of Los Angeles VMT Calculator Documentation*, the household VMT per capita threshold applies to home-based work production and home-based other production trips, and the work VMT per employee threshold applies to home-based work attraction trips, as the location and characteristics of residences and workplaces are often the main drivers of VMT.

The LADOT TAG identifies a daily household VMT per capita impact criteria of 6.0 and a work VMT per employee impact criteria of 11.6 (both of these values are 15% below the base VMT) for the South Los Angeles APC, in which the 5850 Project is located. The 5850 Project use-type does not contribute to household VMT as there are no long-term residential uses proposed on-site. Therefore, should the 5850 Project's average work VMT per employee be equal to or lower than 11.6, the 5850 Project's overall VMT impact would be less than significant.

### Mixed-Use Development Methodology

As detailed in *City of Los Angeles VMT Calculator Documentation*, the VMT Calculator accounts for the interaction of land uses within a mixed-use development and considers the following sociodemographic, land use, and built environment factors for the Project area:

- The project's jobs/housing balance
- Land use density of the project
- Transportation network connectivity
- Availability of and proximity to transit
- · Proximity to retail and other destinations
- Vehicle ownership rates
- Household size

#### TDM Measures

Additionally, the VMT Calculator measures the reduction in VMT resulting from a project's incorporation of TDM measures as project design features or mitigation measures. The following seven categories of TDM measures are included in the VMT Calculator:

- 1. Parking
- 2. Transit
- 3. Education and Encouragement
- 4. Commute Trip Reductions
- 5. Shared Mobility
- 6. Bicycle Infrastructure
- 7. Neighborhood Enhancement

TDM measures within each of these categories have been empirically demonstrated to reduce trip-making or mode choice in such a way as to reduce VMT.

#### 5850 Project VMT Analysis

The City's VMT Calculator was used to calculate the 5850 Project's VMT to compare against the City's significance thresholds. The VMT Calculator was modeled with approximately 344,947 square feet of office land use as the primary input. The 5850 Project includes the following design features:

<u>Price Workplace Parking.</u> Tenant parking would be rented separately from the building space, which "unbundles" the cost of obtaining assigned parking spaces from the cost of leasing office space. Unbundling parking is an essential step toward getting people to understand the economic cost of parking. Without unbundled parking, tenants often assume parking is free.

**<u>Bicycle Parking per LAMC.</u>** The 5850 Project would provide LAMC-required bicycle parking and additional bicycle facilities and amenities within the subterranean parking structure.

5850 Project VMT with Proposed Design Enhancements

Based on the VMT Calculator, the 5850 Project is estimated to generate 2,588 daily vehicle trips, which calculates to 24,991 daily VMT. This value results in 10.7 work VMT per employee, which is below the 11.6 South Los Angeles APC threshold. Under this base condition, the 5850 Project does not have a significant VMT impact and no mitigation measures would be required.

While the included design strategies (Price Workplace Parking and Bicycle Parking per LAMC) are capable of reducing VMT, other combinations of TDM strategies can be equally effective. The 5850 Project is committed to meeting the South Los Angeles APC threshold of 11.6 work

VMT per employee through the use of TDM strategies and may determine that future technologies or other infrastructure could be substituted as viable VMT reducers without the constraints of specific entitlement conditions that would eliminate such flexibility.

### **Substantially Inducing Additional Automobile Travel**

The intent of Threshold T-2.2 is to assess whether a transportation project would induce substantial VMT, such as the addition of through traffic lanes on existing or new highways, including general purpose lanes, high-occupancy vehicle lanes, peak period lanes, auxiliary lanes, and lanes through grade-separated interchanges.

The 5850 Project does not propose a transportation project that would induce automobile travel and does not propose additional traffic lanes. No additional lanes are recommended for access as all provisions for vehicles can utilize the current pavement widths. Therefore, further evaluation will not be required, and the 5850 Project would not result in a significant impact under Threshold T-2.2.

# Substantially Increasing Hazards Due to a Geometric Design Feature or Incompatible Use

Further evaluation is required for projects that propose new access points or modifications along the public right-of-way (i.e., street dedications) under Threshold T-3. A review of project access points, internal circulation, and parking access would determine if a project would substantially increase hazards due to geometric design features, including safety, operational, or capacity impacts. Vehicular access to the Project Site would be provided via a new driveway along Jefferson Boulevard and an existing driveway on the northern property line. Pedestrian access to the 5850 Project would be provided along Jefferson Boulevard. Street dedications on Jefferson Boulevard along the 5850 Project frontage allow the 5850 Project to meet City standards for sidewalks and roadway widths.

The section of Jefferson Boulevard along which the 5850 Project's primary access driveway is located is constructed with four existing travel lanes, two in each direction, and bicycle lanes on each side, consistent with the Mobility Plan designation. No exceptional horizontal or vertical curvatures exist along this section of roadway that would create sight distance issues for 5850 Project traffic utilizing the proposed driveway.

Parking is prohibited on the both sides of the street on Jefferson Boulevard. No unusual or new obstacles are presented in the 5850 Project design that would be considered hazardous to motorized vehicles, non-motorized vehicles, or pedestrians. The proposed driveway will be subject to review by LADOT. A new traffic signal with crosswalks at this proposed driveway location would improve visibility of the proposed driveway and improve the safety of crossings for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

Based on the site plan review and design, the 5850 Project does not present any geometric design features that would substantially increase hazards as it relates to traffic movement,

mobility, or pedestrian accessibility, and thus, 5850 Project impacts are considered less than significant.

### **Emergency Access**

This threshold reviews whether or not a project's elements would have a detrimental effect on emergency vehicle response times. Vehicular access to the Project Site would be maintained from Jefferson Boulevard at the North Project Driveway (for loading and secondary access), with a new signalized, primary driveway on the southern edge of the 5850 Project. The 5850 Project's driveways and internal circulation would be designed to meet all applicable City Building Code and Fire Code requirements regarding site access, including providing adequate emergency vehicle access both during construction as well as after completion of the 5850 Project. Compliance with applicable City Building Code and Fire Code requirements, including emergency vehicle access, would be confirmed as part of LAFD's fire/life safety plan review and LAFD's fire/life safety inspection for new construction projects, as set forth in Section 57.118 of the LAMC, and which are required prior to the issuance of a building permit. The 5850 Project also would not include the installation of barriers that could impede emergency vehicle access both during and post-construction. Drivers of emergency vehicles are also trained to utilize center turn lanes, or travel in opposing through lanes (on two-way streets) to pass through crowded intersections or streets. Accordingly, the respect entitled to emergency vehicles and driver training allows emergency vehicles to negotiate typical street conditions in urban areas. As such, emergency access to the Project Site and surrounding area would be maintained both during and post-construction. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in inadequate emergency access during construction or operation, and, as such, impacts to emergency access during construction and operation of the 5850 Project would be less than significant.

# 4.16.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR. Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

# 4.16.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to transportation impacts. No substantial changes in the environment related to transportation have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new significant traffic sources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts related to transportation.

# 4.16.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

None required.

# 4.16.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant transportation impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified transportation impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to transportation as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.17 Tribal Cultural Resources

Sourc	(and supporting Information es)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
the pro	ject:					
si re R as cu ge th la	ould the project cause a abstantial adverse change in the gnificance of a tribal cultural source, defined in Public esources Code section 21074 a either a site, feature, please, altural landscape that is eographically defined in terms of e size and scope of the endscape, sacred place, or object th cultural value to a California ative American tribe, and that is:					
(i)	Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in the local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code Section 5020.1(k)?	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	No	No	No	No
(ii)	A resource determined by the lead agency in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe?	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	No	No	No	Yes

# 4.17.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

AB 52 went into effect on July 1, 2015, and requires that for a project for which a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft EIR was filed on or after July 1, 2015, the lead agency is required to consult with a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of a proposed project, if: (1) the tribe requested to the lead agency, in writing, to be informed by the lead agency of proposed projects in that geographic area; and (2) the tribe requests consultation, prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report for a project. The NOP for the West Adams New

Community Plan EIR was released on February 1, 2008, and therefore, the lead agency was not required to comply with the requirements of AB 52.

AB 52 also required an update to Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines to include questions related to impacts to tribal cultural resources. Changes to Appendix G were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on September 27, 2016. The Final EIR was released in May of 2016, and therefore did not include responses to the updated Appendix G questions related to tribal cultural resources.

Nevertheless, the issues related to tribal cultural resources were addressed within the Cultural Resources section of the Certified EIR. As stated in the Certified EIR, there are no known formal cemeteries within the West Adams CPA and no historical or prehistoric human remains are known to occur. The West Adams CPA is highly disturbed and unmarked cemeteries or graves that may have existed at the surface have likely been disturbed by past development. The Certified EIR determined that the potential to disturb any human remains interred outside of formal cemeteries within the West Adams CPA is considered low, given the level of past human activity. However, it is possible that unknown human remains could be located on sites developed under the Community Plan. Mitigation Measure CR10 would reduce impacts to human remains. Therefore, with implementation of Mitigation Measure CR10, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to human remains.

# **Mitigation Measures**

CR10 Any approval of a Discretionary project or "Active Change Area Project" shall ensure that if human remains are unearthed at a project site during construction, work at the specific construction site at which the remains have been uncovered shall be suspended, and the City of Los Angeles Public Works Department and County coroner shall be immediately notified. No further disturbance shall occur until the Los Angeles County Coroner has made the necessary findings as to origin and disposition in accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 7050.5. If the remains are determined to be those of a Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) in Sacramento shall be contacted before the remains are removed in accordance with Section 21083.2 of the California Public Resources Code.

# 4.17.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The Project Site currently contains a surface parking lot and an existing media production building that was built in 2017, and that would remain on-site. The 5850 Project would develop an approximately 344,947 square foot office building in place of the existing surface parking lot. The Project Site is not located within a Historic Preservation Overlay Zone, nor was the Project Site identified in SurveyLA. Therefore, development of the 5850 Project would not result in any impacts with respect to historic resources.

The 5850 Project would be located in an urbanized area on a Site that has been previously developed. While unlikely, it is possible that unknown tribal cultural resources could exist at the Project Site and could be encountered during excavation for the four proposed subterranean parking levels. Therefore, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure CR10, which would minimize impacts in the event any tribal cultural resources are encountered during construction. Further, the City has established a standard condition of approval (provided below) to address the inadvertent discovery of tribal cultural resources. Should tribal cultural resources be inadvertently encountered, this condition of approval provides for temporarily halting of construction activities near the encounter and the 5850 Project's certified construction monitor notifying the City and Native American tribes that have informed the City that they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. If the City determines that the object or artifact appears to be a tribal cultural resource, the City would provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time to conduct a site visit and make recommendations regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

## **Condition of Approval**

**Inadvertent discovery of tribal cultural resources:** If objects or artifacts that may be tribal cultural resources are encountered during the course of any ground disturbance activities, all such activities shall temporarily cease on the project site until the potential tribal cultural resources are properly assessed and addressed pursuant to the process set forth below:

- Upon a discovery of a potential tribal cultural resource, the project permittee shall immediately stop all ground disturbance activities and contact the following: (1) all California Native American tribes that have informed the City they are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project; and (2) the Department of City Planning at (213) 978-1454.
- If the City determines, pursuant to PRC Section 21074(a)(2), that the object or artifact appears to be a tribal cultural resource, the City shall provide any affected tribe a reasonable period of time, not less than 14 days, to conduct a site visit and make recommendations to the project permittee and the City regarding the monitoring of future ground disturbance activities, as well as the treatment and disposition of any discovered tribal cultural resources.
- The project permittee shall implement the tribe's recommendations if a qualified archaeologist, retained by the City and paid for by the project permittee, reasonably concludes that the tribe's recommendations are reasonable and feasible.
- The project permittee shall submit a tribal cultural resource monitoring plan to the City that includes all recommendations from the City and any affected tribes that have been

reviewed and determined by the qualified archaeologist to be reasonable and feasible. The project permittee shall not be allowed to recommence ground disturbance activities until the City approves this plan.

- If the project permittee does not accept a particular recommendation determined to be reasonable and feasible by the qualified archaeologist, the project permittee may request mediation by a mediator agreed to by the permittee and the City who has the requisite professional qualifications and experience to mediate such a dispute. The project permittee shall pay any costs associated with the mediation.
- The project permittee may recommence ground disturbance activities outside of a specified radius of the discovery site, so long as this radius has been reviewed by the qualified archaeologist and determined to be reasonable and appropriate.
- Copies of any subsequent prehistoric archaeological study or tribal cultural resources study or report detailing the nature of any significant tribal cultural resources, remedial actions taken, and disposition of any significant tribal cultural resources shall be submitted to the SCCIC at California State University, Fullerton.
- Notwithstanding the above, any information determined to be confidential in nature by the City Attorney's office shall be excluded from submission to the SCCIC or the public under the applicable provisions of the California Public Records Act, California PRC, and shall comply with the City's AB 52 Confidentiality Protocols.

# **Mitigation Measures**

The 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure CR10 from the Certified EIR.

# 4.17.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to tribal cultural resources. No substantial changes to tribal cultural resources have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new changes in tribal cultural resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.17.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to tribal cultural resources not discussed in the EIR,

significant effects related to tribal cultural resources previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

# 4.17.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

As stated above, the 5850 Project would implement Mitigation Measure CR10 from the Certified EIR. Implementation of this measure would ensure that the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to tribal cultural resources are less than significant. No additional mitigation measures are required.

# 4.17.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant tribal cultural resources or a substantial increase in previously identified tribal cultural resources would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to tribal cultural resources as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.18 Utilities and Service Systems

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS: Would the project:					
(a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environment effects?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(e) Comply with federal, state and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

# 4.18.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

As stated in the Certified EIR, the anticipated increase in demand for water supplies within the West Adams CPA represents less than one percent of total anticipated water supplies in the year 2030. Moreover, the impacts to water demand for future water resources are minimized because full implementation of the Community Plan in year 2030 would occur incrementally over the 20-year lifespan of the Community Plan and is continuously planned for by the City. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to water supplies. With respect to water supply treatment and conveyance infrastructure, the Certified EIR concluded that the process by which drinking

water is treated is built into the delivery system, and would not need to be enhanced or expanded to meet the increased needs of the Community Plan buildout. Considering the potential delivery capacity of the Los Angeles Aqueduct alone, the potential delivery capacity of the existing water conveyance infrastructure has the capacity to meet the expected increases in demand due to implementation of the Community Plan. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to water supply treatment and infrastructure.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the evaluation of the effects of the Community Plan on wastewater conveyance was made using the expected demand for wastewater conveyance as a result of the reasonably foreseeable build-out of the West Adams CPA under the implementation of the Community Plan. The Certified EIR stated that the increase in wastewater generated by the Community Plan would be 1.2 percent of the total existing average wastewater flows of the City of Los Angeles. As such the four existing treatment plants would be able to treat wastewater generated under the Community Plan. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to wastewater treatment. With respect to sewer conveyance infrastructure, all development activities that require sewer connection permits are evaluated under the purview of existing capacity of sewer lines in the development site's vicinity at the time of development. By doing so, each new development must adhere to the most current Sewer Design Manual specifications and performance standards. According to the Certified EIR, the cumulative result of requiring new developments to meet rigorous design and performance standards in conjunction with a ready overflow response plan ensures that implementation of the Community Plan would result in a less than significant impact related to wastewater conveyance infrastructure.

As discussed in Section 4.9, Hydrology and Water Quality, of the Certified EIR, implementation of the Community Plan would not result in a substantial increase in impervious surfaces. Accordingly, implementation of the Community Plan would not cause a substantial increase in the peak flow rates or volumes that would exceed the drainage capacity of existing stormwater drainage facilities, and therefore does not warrant the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or the expansion of existing facilities, and impacts with respect to stormwater drainage infrastructure would be less than significant.

The Certified EIR stated that the Community Plan is expected to comply with Section 66.32 of the LAMC during the demolition phase. Compliance with Section 66.32 of the LAMC would ensure that at least 50 percent of the demolition solid waste generated by the Community Plan would be diverted from the landfills serving the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, the Certified EIR stated that the remaining landfills have the capacity to accommodate construction of developments as a result of the Community Plan. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to solid waste.

As stated in the Certified EIR, the Community Plan would not conflict with the goals, objectives,

and policies in the Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), the City of Los Angeles Solid Waste Management Policy Plan (CiSWMPP), the Curbside Recycling Program, or the Framework Element, which currently govern the solid waste management practices within the West Adams CPA. Additionally, the Community Plan increases the solid waste generated by 10,000 pounds per day or 1.2 percent per year over existing solid waste generation within the West Adams CPA. This level of increase does not disrupt successfully meeting the goals, objectives, and policies contained in any of the solid waste management policy documents of the City. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to solid waste.

The analysis contained in the Certified EIR with respect to energy (electricity and natural gas supplies) is summarized above in Section 4.6, Energy. With respect to energy infrastructure, the Certified EIR concluded that there is no need for new facilities or major enhancements to existing facilities to accommodate the implementation of the Community Plan. Therefore, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts with respect to energy infrastructure.

# **Mitigation Measures**

Impacts with respect to utilities and service systems were determined to be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures were required.

# 4.18.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the 5850 Project's impacts with respect to utilities were accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

As shown on Table 4.18-1, the 5850 Project is estimated to generate a net total of approximately 41,394 gallons per day (or 0.04 million gallons per day) of wastewater. With a remaining daily capacity of 175 mgd, the Hyperion Treatment Plan (HTP) would have adequate capacity to serve the Project's projected 0.04 mgd generation. Further, as stated above, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the wastewater generation for the 5850 Project was accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR. Therefore, impacts related to wastewater treatment would be less than significant, and the 5850 Project would be adequately served by the City's wastewater facilities. As part of the 5850 Project's permit process, the City would conduct further detailed gauging and evaluation to identify specific sewer connection points. If additional sewer line capacity is needed to serve the 5850 Project, the Project Applicant would be required to install adequately sized sewer lines. Thus, sewer infrastructure would be adequate to accommodate the 5850 Project. Therefore, impacts related to wastewater service would be less than significant.

Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

Table 4.18-1 5850 Project Estimated Wastewater Generation

Land Use	Size	Rates	Total (gpd)
Office	344,947 sf	120 gallons / 1,000 sf	41,394
		Total	41,394

Note: sf = square feet; gpd = gallons per day

Rates: Bureau of Sanitation - Sewage Generation Factor, effective date April 6, 2012.

Table: CAJA Environmental Services, September, 2019.

The 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) was adopted in June 2016, and projects a demand of 611,800 AFY in 2020 and 644,700 AFY in 2025.59 The UWMP forecasts water demand by estimating baseline water consumption by use (single-family, multi-family, commercial/government, industrial), then by adjusting for projected changes in socioeconomic variables (including personal income, family size, conservation effects) and projected growth of different uses based on SCAG's 2012 RTP.60 The 2012 RTP models local and regional population, housing supply and jobs using a model accounting for job availability by wage and sector and demographic trends (including household size, birth and death rates, migration patterns and life expectancy). 61 Neither the UWMP forecasts, nor the 2012 RTP include parcellevel zoning and land use designation as an input. The 5850 Project does not materially alter socioeconomic variables or projected growth by use. Any shortfall in LADWP controlled supplies (groundwater, recycled, conservation, LA aqueduct) is offset with Metropolitan Water District (MWD) purchases to rise to the level of demand. The UWMP demonstrates adequate capacity currently and future capacity to accommodate City growth into which the 5850 Project would easily fit, as the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the land use or zoning designations for the Project Site. Further, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the water demand for the 5850 Project was also accounted for within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR.

As shown on Table 4.18-2, the 5850 Project would demand an increase of approximately 41,394 gallons of water per day (or 0.04 mgd). This total does not take any credit for any proposed sustainable and water conservation features of the 5850 Project. With the remaining capacity of approximately 50 to 150 mgd, the Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant (LAAFP) would have adequate capacity to serve the 5850 Project's projected demand for treatment of 0.04 mgd. Therefore, impacts related to water treatment would be less than significant and the 5850 Project would be adequately served by existing treatment facilities.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, Los Angeles, pg. ES-23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, Los Angeles, pgs. 1-12.

SCAG, 2008 Regional Transportation Plan Growth Forecast Report, pgs 2-10.

Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

Table 4.18-2 5850 Project Estimated Water Demand

Land Use	Size	Rates	Total (gpd)
Office	344,947 sf	120 gallons / 1,000 sf	41,394
		Total	41,394

Note: sf = square feet; gpd = gallons per day

Wastewater generation is assumed to equal water consumption.

Rates: Bureau of Sanitation - Sewage Generation Factor, effective date April 6, 2012.

Table: CAJA Environmental Services, September 2019.

Solid waste transported by both public and private haulers is either recycled, reused, or transformed at a waste-to-energy facility, or disposed of at a landfill. Landfills within the County are categorized as either Class III or unclassified landfills. Non-hazardous municipal solid waste is disposed in Class III landfills, while inert waste such as construction waste, yard trimmings, and earth-like waste are disposed of in unclassified landfills. Ten Class III landfills and one unclassified landfill with solid waste facility permits are located within Los Angeles County. Of the ten Class III landfills in Los Angeles County, five Class III landfills are open to the City of Los Angeles. The Class III landfills have an estimated remaining capacity of 167.58 million tons, with 149.77 million tons open to the City. The unclassified landfill serving the County is Azusa Land Reclamation with an estimated 55.71 million tons of remaining capacity.

Pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 1374<sup>66</sup>, the 5850 Project would implement a construction waste management plan to recycle and/or salvage a minimum of 75 percent of nonhazardous demolition and construction debris. Materials that could be recycled or salvaged include asphalt, glass, and concrete. Debris not recycled could be accepted at the unclassified landfill (Azusa Land Reclamation) within Los Angeles County and within the Class III landfills open to the City.

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<sup>62</sup> Inert waste is waste which is neither chemically or biologically reactive and will not decompose. Examples of this are sand and concrete.

The ten Class III landfills within Los Angeles County include: Antelope Valley, Burbank, Calabasas, Chiquita Canyon, Lancaster, Pebbly Beach, San Clemente, Savage Canyon, Scholl Canyon, and Sunshine Canyon City/County. The total number of Class III landfills within Los Angeles County excludes the Puente Hills Landfill, which closed on October 31, 2013. The unclassified landfill within the Los Angeles County is the Azusa Land Reclamation facility.

The five Class III landfills open to the City of Los Angeles include: Antelope Valley, Calabasas, Chiquita Canyon, Lancaster, and Sunshine Canyon City/County. Note that while the Calabasas Landfill is open to the City of Los Angeles, its service area is limited to the cities of Hidden Hills, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and Thousand Oaks per Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 91-0003.

County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works; Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Plan 2017 Annual Report, April 2019.

Senate Bill 1374 requires that jurisdictions include in their annual AB 939 report a summary of the progress made in diverting construction and demolition waste. The legislation also required that CalRecycle adopt a model ordinance for diverting 50 to 75 percent of all construction and demolition waste from landfills.

As shown in Table 4.18-3, after accounting for mandatory recycling, the 5850 Project would result in approximately 168 tons of construction waste. Given the remaining permitted capacity the Azusa Land Reclamation facility, which is approximately 55.71 million tons, as well as the remaining 149.77 million tons of capacity at the Class III landfills open to the City, the landfills serving the Project Site would have sufficient capacity to accommodate the 5850 Project's construction solid waste disposal needs.

Table 4.18-3 5850 Project Construction Waste Generation

Building	Size	Rate	Total (tons)
Non-Residential	344,947 sf	3.89 pounds / sf	671
	671		
	168		

Note: sf = square feet; 1 ton = 2,000 pounds.

Rate: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Report No. EPA530-98-010, Characterization of Building-Related Construction and Demolition Debris in the United States, June 1998, Table 3, Table 4 and Table 6. Generation rates used in this analysis are based on an average of individual rates assigned to specific building types.

Table: CAJA Environmental Services, September 2019.

As shown on Table 4.18-4, the 5850 Project would generate an increase of approximately 1.03 tons per day (or approximately 376 tons per year). The estimated solid waste is conservative because the waste generation factors used do not account for recycling or other waste diversion measures such as compliance with Assembly Bill 341, which requires California commercial enterprises and public entities that generate four cubic yards or more per week of waste, and multi-family housing with five or more units, to adopt recycling practices. Likewise, the analysis does not include implementation of the City's Zero Waste LA franchising system, which is expected to result in a reduction of landfill disposal Citywide with a goal of reaching a Citywide recycling rate of 90 percent by the year 2025.<sup>67</sup>

The increase in solid waste disposal would represent an approximate 0.01 percent increase in the City's annual solid waste disposal quantity, based on the 2017 disposal of approximately 3.2 million tons. The increase in solid waste disposal would represent approximately 0.0002 percent of the estimated remaining Class III landfill capacity of 149.77 million tons available to the City of Los Angeles.

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The Zero Waste LA Franchise System would divide the City into 11 zones and designate a single trash hauler for each zone. Source: LA Sanitation, "Zero Waste LA—Franchise," www.lacitysan.org/san/faces/ home/portal/s-lsh-wwd/s-lsh-wwd-s/s-lsh-wwd-s-zwlaf;jsessionid=nJABd\_CcLHL4DCOkGSCJWv1buV9at

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Based on the above, the landfills that serve the Project Site would have sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the solid waste that would be generated by the construction and operation of the 5850 Project. Further, the 5850 Project does not propose any changes to the zoning or land use designation for the Project Site, and therefore, the solid waste generation for the 5850 Project was accounted within the analysis contained in the Certified EIR. Therefore, impacts would be less than significant.

With respect to energy (electricity and natural gas) infrastructure, there are currently existing electricity and natural gas connections to serve the existing building located on the Project Site. The Certified EIR concluded that there is no need for new facilities or major enhancements to existing facilities to accommodate the implementation of the Community Plan. The 5850 Project proposes an office use consistent with what was analyzed in the Certified EIR for the Project Site. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not require the construction of new electricity or natural gas facilities, and impacts would be less than significant.

With regard to telecommunications, the 5850 Project would require construction of new on-site telecommunications infrastructure to serve the new building and/or relocation of existing telecommunications infrastructure. Construction impacts associated with the installation of telecommunications infrastructure would primarily involve trenching in order to place the lines below surface. When considering impacts resulting from the installation of any required telecommunications infrastructure, all impacts are of a relatively short duration and would cease to occur when installation is complete. Installation of new telecommunications infrastructure would be limited to on-site telecommunications distribution and minor off-site work associated with connections to the public system. Therefore, impacts with respect to telecommunications infrastructure would be less than significant.

Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

Table 4.18-4
5850 Project Estimated Solid Waste Generation

Land Use Size		Rates	Total (tons/day)	
Office	344,947 sf	6 lbs / 1,000 sf	1.03	
		Total	1.03	

Note: sf = square feet; 1 ton = 2,000 pounds.

Rates (non-residential): City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, City Waste Characterization and

Quantification Study Table 4, July 2002.

Table: CAJA Environmental Services, September 2019.

### **Mitigation Measures**

None required.

# 4.18.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR Therefore, there are no new circumstances involving new significant impacts or substantially more severe impacts than what was analyzed in the EIR.

# 4.18.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to utilities impacts. No substantial changes in the environment related to recreation have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new significant resources have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts related to utilities.

# 4.18.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have a less than significant impact with respect to utilities and services systems, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

# 4.18.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant utility and service system impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified utility impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to utilities and service systems as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

# 4.19 Wildfire

Issues (and supporting Information Sources)	Impact Determination in EIR	Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Circumstances Involving New Significant Impact or Substantially More Severe Impacts?	Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?	EIR's Mitigation Measures Addressing Impact
WILDFIRE: If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:					
(a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No
(d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff post-fire slope instability, or drainage change?	Less Than Significant	No	No	No	No

# 4.19.1 Impact Determination in the EIR

Regarding emergency response plans, the Certified EIR determined that implementation of the new Community Plan would not impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, the Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Response Plan, as no new streets would be introduced, nor would the overall land use patterns of the CPA be changed. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to emergency response plans.

The Certified EIR stated that the hilly central western portion of the West Adams CPA includes areas designated as Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones. New construction in these zones must comply with a variety of requirements from the LAMC (Chapter V, Article 7, Fire Code), including provisions for emergency vehicle access, use of approved building materials, design, and brush clearance. Implementation of existing regulations would help minimize wildland fire

hazards. Therefore, the Certified EIR concluded that implementation of the Community Plan would result in less than significant impacts related to wildland fire.

# 4.19.2 Do Proposed Changes Involve New Significant Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

The Project Site is not located in or near state responsibility areas, nor is the Project Site classified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. Therefore, the 5850 Project would result in no impact related to wildfire. Therefore, the 5850 Project would not result in new or increased significant impacts beyond those already identified in the Certified EIR.

# 4.19.3 Any New Circumstances Involving New Impacts or Substantially More Severe Impacts?

There are no substantial changes to the circumstances under which the 5850 Project would be undertaken that would result in new or more severe significant impacts, and there is no new information of substantial importance that has become available relative to wildfire. No substantial changes to wildfire have occurred since certification of the EIR, and no substantial new changes in wildfire have been identified within the vicinity of the 5850 Project that would result in new or more severe significant environmental impacts.

# 4.19.4 Any New Information Requiring New Analysis or Verification?

There is no new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the EIR was certified related to one or more significant effects related to wildfire not discussed in the EIR, significant effects related to wildfire previously examined that will be substantially more severe than shown in the EIR, or of mitigation measures previously determined to be infeasible which have now been determined to be feasible.

# 4.19.5 Mitigation Measures Addressing Impacts

Because the EIR determined the Project would have a less than significant impact on wildfire, no mitigation measures were required. Implementation of the 5850 Project does not change these impact determinations. Therefore, no additional mitigation measures are required.

### 4.19.6 Conclusion

Based on the above, no new significant wildfire impacts or a substantial increase in previously identified wildfire impacts would occur as a result of the 5850 Project. Therefore, the impacts to wildfire as a result do not meet the standards for a subsequent or supplemental EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15162.

#### **CITY OF LOS ANGELES**

#### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

5850 W. Jefferson Bl. DOT Case No. Other WLA20-109088

Date:

July 8, 2020

To:

Luciralia Ibarra, Senior City Planner

Department of City Planning

From:

Hamed Sandoghdar, Transportation Engineer

Department of Transportation

Subject:

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED OFFICE PROJECT

**LOCATED AT 5850 WEST JEFFERSON BOULEVARD** 

The DOT has reviewed the transportation analysis prepared by Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc. received on March 31, 2020, with subsequent revision in June 2020, for the proposed office project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard. In compliance with SB 743 and the CEQA, a VMT analysis is required to identify the project's ability to promote the reduction of green-house gas emissions, access to diverse land uses, and the development of multi-modal networks. The significance of a project's impact in this regard is measured against the VMT thresholds established in DOT's Transportation Assessment Guidelines (TAG), as described below.

#### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

### A. <u>Project Description</u>

The project proposes to construct a 22 story office building with 4 levels of underground parking garage on the east side of Jefferson Boulevard approximately midway between Obama Boulevard and National Boulevard. The development will consist of 344,947 square feet of office building. There is an existing two story media production building on the east side of the property plus a surface parking lot. The existing building structure is to remain with the new office tower to be built on the surface parking lot which will be demolished. The project is to provide a total of 908 parking spaces and 104 bicycle parking spaces. The main access to the site will be provided via a newly proposed signalized driveway on Jefferson Boulevard near the southern part of the property, while an existing driveway on the north side of the property will remain and will be utilized as secondary access as illustrated in (Figure 1) Attachment A. The project is expected to be completed by 2023.

### B. CEQA Screening Threshold

Prior to accounting for trip reductions resulting from the application of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Strategies, a trip generation analysis was conducted to determine if the project would exceed 250 daily vehicle trips screening threshold. Using the City of Los Angeles VMT Calculator tool, which draws upon trip rate estimates published in the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Trip Generation Manual, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition as well as applying trip generation adjustments when applicable, based on sociodemographic data and the built environment factors of the project's surroundings, it was determined that the project <u>does</u> exceed the net 250 daily vehicle trips threshold. The VMT calculator version 1.2 was the latest VMT calculator available at the time the March 31, 2020 analysis was submitted and accepted by DOT. A copy of the VMT calculator screening page, with the corresponding net daily trips estimate, is provided as **Attachment B** to this report.

#### C. Transportation Impacts

On July 30, 2019, pursuant to SB 743 and the recent changes to Section 15064.3 of the State's CEQA Guidelines, the City of Los Angeles adopted VMT as a criteria in determining transportation impacts under CEQA. The new DOT TAG provide instructions on preparing transportation assessments for land use proposals and defines the significant impact thresholds.

The DOT VMT Calculator tool measures project impact in terms of Household VMT per Capita, and Work VMT per Employee. DOT identified distinct thresholds for significant VMT impacts for each of the seven Area Planning Commission (APC) areas in the City. For the South Los Angeles APC area, in which the project is located, the following thresholds have been established:

Household VMT per Capita: 6.0Work VMT per Employee: 11.6

As cited in the VMT Analysis report, prepared by Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc., the proposed project is projected to have a Household VMT per capita of 0.0 since the project does not have a residential component and a Work VMT per employee of 10.7. Therefore, it is concluded that implementation of the Project would not result in a significant Household or Work VMT impact. A copy of the VMT Calculator summary reports is provided as **Attachment C** that to this report.

### D. Access and Circulation

During the preparation of the new CEQA guidelines, the State's Office of Planning and Research stressed that lead agencies can continue to apply traditional operational analysis requirements to inform land use decisions provided that such analyses were outside of the CEQA process. The authority for requiring non-CEQA transportation analysis and requiring improvements to address potential circulation deficiencies, lies in the City of Los Angeles' Site Plan Review authority as established in Section 16.05 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC). Therefore, DOT continues to require and review a project's site access, circulation, and operational plan to determine if any access enhancements, transit amenities, intersection improvements, traffic signal upgrades, neighborhood traffic calming, or other improvements are needed. In accordance with this authority, the project has completed a circulation analysis using a "level of service" screening methodology that indicates that the trips generated by the proposed development will likely result in adverse circulation conditions at several locations. DOT has reviewed this analysis and determined that it adequately discloses operational concerns. A copy of the circulation analysis table that summarizes these potential deficiencies is provided as (Tables 8 and 9) Attachment D to this report.

### PROJECT REQUIREMENT

#### A. Corrective Measures (Non-CEQA Analysis)

In the transportation analysis dated March 31, 2020 by Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc., the analysis included a review of current and potential future operational deficiencies that may result from the project. To address these deficiencies, the applicant should be required to implement the following corrective measures.

## 1. <u>Jefferson Boulevard and South Driveway Signal</u>

The applicant is proposing the installation of a new traffic signal at the newly proposed southern driveway on Jefferson Boulevard. Final approval may be required by DOT Western District office.

#### B. Additional Requirements and Considerations

To comply with transportation and mobility goals and provisions of adopted City plans and ordinances, the applicant should be required to implement the following:

#### 1. Parking Requirements

Parking for vehicles and bicycles will be provided onsite. The applicant should check with the Department of Building and Safety on the number of Code-required parking spaces needed for this project.

### 2. <u>Highway Dedication and Street Widening Requirements</u>

In order to mitigate potential access and circulation impacts, the applicant may be required to make highway dedications and improvements. The applicant shall consult the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) for any highway dedication or street widening requirements. These requirements must be guaranteed before the issuance of any building permit through the B-permit process of the BOE. They must be constructed and completed prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy to the satisfaction of DOT and BOE.

### 3. <u>Project Access and Circulation</u>

The proposed site plan is acceptable to DOT; however, review of the study does not constitute approval of the driveway dimensions and internal circulation schemes. Those require separate review and approval and should be coordinated with DOT's West LA/Coastal Development Review Section (7166 W Manchester Ave, @ 213-485-1062). In order to minimize potential building design changes, the applicant should contact DOT for driveway width and internal circulation requirements so that such traffic flow considerations are designed and incorporated early into the building and parking layout plans. All new driveways should be Case 2 driveways and any security gates should be a minimum 20 feet from the property line. All truck loading and unloading should take place on site with no vehicles backing into the project from public streets via any of the project driveways.

### 4. <u>Transportation Demand Management Plan</u>

The project must comply with Section 12.26.J (Ordinance No. 168,700) of the Los Angeles Municipal Code which requires specific TDM and trip reduction measures. It is also recommended that the applicant should pursue all possible TDM strategies available to the greatest extent possible. A full detailed description of the TDMP, and all subsequent MP reporting, should be prepared by a licensed Traffic Engineer and submitted to DOT for review. The TDMP should be submitted to DOT and the Department of City Planning for review and approval, prior to the issuance of any certificate of occupancy.

#### 5. Worksite Traffic Control Requirements

DOT recommends that a construction work site traffic control plan be submitted to DOT's Citywide Temporary Traffic Control Section or Permit Plan Review Section for

review and approval prior to the start of any construction work. Refer to http://ladot.lacity.org/what-we-do/plan-review to determine which section to coordinate review of the work site traffic control plan. The plan should show the location of any roadway or sidewalk closures, traffic detours, haul routes, hours of operation, protective devices, warning signs and access to abutting properties. DOT also recommends that all construction related truck traffic be restricted to off-peak hours to the extent feasible.

## 6. <u>Development Review Fees</u>

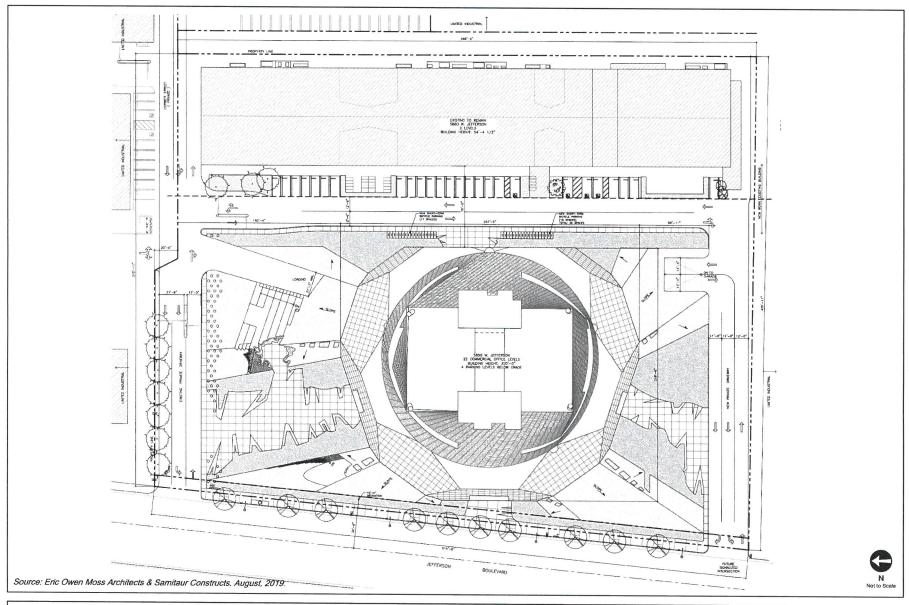
Section 19.15 of the LAMC identifies specific fees for traffic study review, condition clearance, and permit issuance. The applicant shall comply with any applicable fees per this ordinance.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Pedro Ayala at (213) 485-1062.

#### Attachments

c: Sergio Ibarra, Kyle Winston, DCP
Kimani Black, Council District No. 10
Rudy Guevara, DOT
Kevin Azarmahan, BOE
Patrick Gibson, Gibson Transportation Consulting, Inc.





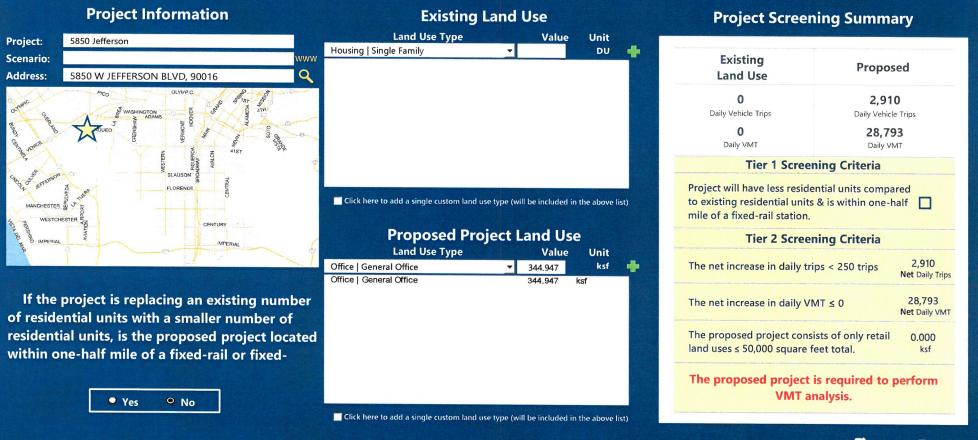
PROJECT SITE PLAN

FIGURE 1

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES VMT CALCULATOR Version 1.2

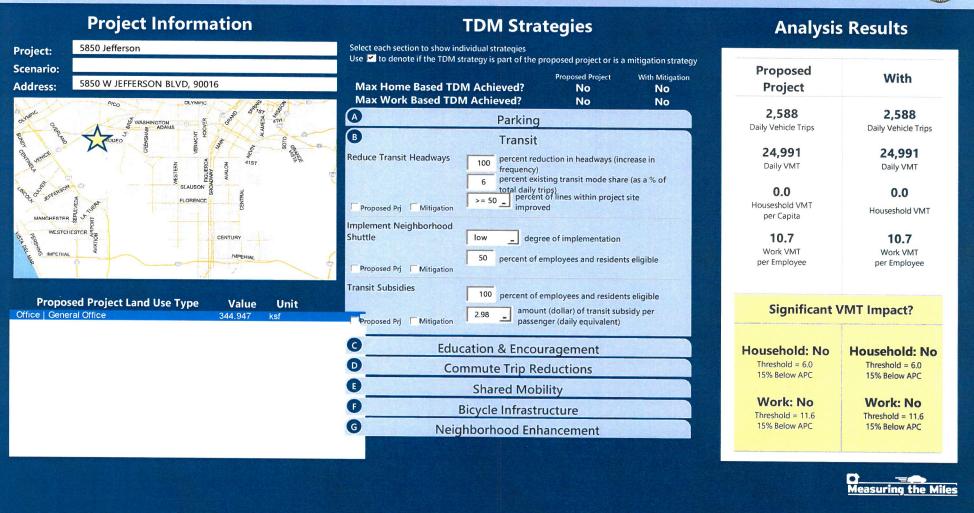


## Project Screening Criteria: Is this project required to conduct a vehicle miles traveled analysis?



## **CITY OF LOS ANGELES VMT CALCULATOR Version 1.2**





# TABLE 8 EXISTING WITH PROJECT CONDITIONS (YEAR 2020) INTERSECTION LEVELS OF SERVICE

No	Intersection	Peak	Exisiting		Existing with Project	
NO		Hour	Delay	LOS	Delay	LOS
1.	National Boulevard &	AM	48.6	D	51.4	D
	Venice Boulevard	PM	47.8	D	51.3	D
2.	National Boulevard &	AM	44.0	D	45.3	D
	Washington Boulevard	PM	45.7	D	46.0	D
3.	Wesley Street &	AM	17.2	B	16.4	B
	National Boulevard	PM	15.5	B	5.9	A
4.	Hayden Avenue &	AM	18.3	B	15.8	B
	National Boulevard	PM	28.8	C	15.0	B
5.	Eastham Drive &	AM	10.8	B	5.2	A
	National Boulevard	PM	25.6	C	24.6	C
6.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	76.6	E	88.3	F
	National Boulevard	PM	70.8	E	52.7	D
7.	La Cienega Boulevard &	AM	51.4	D	53.3	D
	Jefferson Boulevard	PM	51.5	D	52.9	D
8.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	0.5	A	0.5	A
[a]	North Project Driveway	PM	1.1	A	1.3	A
9.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	New Intersection		2.3	A
[b]	South Project Driveway	PM			9.5	A
10.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	26.6	C	27.8	C
	Obama Boulevard	PM	16.6	B	16.4	B

#### <u>Notes</u>

Delay is measured in seconds per vehicle

LOS = Level of service

Results per Synchro 10 (HCM 6th Edition Methodology)

[a] Worst-case approach delay is reported for two-way stop-controlled intersections.

[b] New proposed intersection would be signalized

# TABLE 9 FUTURE WITH PROJECT CONDITIONS (YEAR 2023) INTERSECTION LEVELS OF SERVICE

No	Intersection	Peak	Future without Project		Future with Project	
NO		Hour	Delay	LOS	Delay	LOS
1.	National Boulevard &	AM	93.3	F	97.3	F
	Venice Boulevard	PM	112.9	F	125.7	F
2.	National Boulevard &	AM	67.3	E	67.6	E
	Washington Boulevard	PM	102.3	F	123.2	F
3.	Wesley Street &	AM	8.2	A	13.1	B
	National Boulevard	PM	11.3	B	5.6	A
4.	Hayden Avenue &	AM	12.0	B	12.7	B
	National Boulevard	PM	27.0	C	15.9	B
5.	Eastham Drive &	AM	5.7	A	5.6	A
	National Boulevard	PM	6.8	A	18.7	B
6.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	106.3	F	121.1	F
	National Boulevard	PM	81.7	F	98.5	F
7.	La Cienega Boulevard &	AM	108.0	F	116.9	F
	Jefferson Boulevard	PM	42.7	D	42.5	D
8.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	0.4	A	0.5	A
[a]	North Project Driveway	PM	1.2	A	1.6	A
9.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	New Intersection		2.6	A
[b]	South Project Driveway	PM			9.2	A
10.	Jefferson Boulevard &	AM	48.1	D	54.3	D
	Obama Boulevard	PM	15.5	B	17.1	B

### <u>Notes</u>

Delay is measured in seconds per vehicle

LOS = Level of service

Results per Synchro 10 (HCM 6th Edition Methodology)

[a] Worst-case approach delay is reported for two-way stop-controlled intersections.

[b] New proposed intersection would be signalized

## CITY OF LOS ANGELES INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

November 6, 2019

TO:

Kevin S. Golden, Deputy Advisory Agency

Department of City Planning

FROM: Timothy Tyson, Chief Forester

Bureau of Street Services, Urban Forestry Division

SUBJECT: CPC-2019-4992-SP-ZAD-SPR. 5860 W Jefferson Blvd

In regard to your request for review of this case regarding Urban Forestry requirements. It is our recommendation that:

1. The applicant shall submit a tree report and a landscape plan prepared by a Tree Expert, as required by LAMC Ordinance No. 177,404, for approval by the City Planning Department and the Urban Forestry Division, Bureau of Street Services. The Tree Report shall contain the Tree Expert's recommendations for the preservation of as many desirable (eight inches diameter or greater) trees as possible and shall provide species, health, and condition of all trees with tree locations plotted on a site survey. An on-site 1:1 tree replacement shall be required for the unavoidable loss of any desirable on-site trees.

**Note:** Removal of Protected trees requires the approval of the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: (213) 847-3077 for tree removal permit information.

CEQA document must address protected tree removals.

2. Plant street trees and remove any existing trees within dedicated streets or proposed dedicated streets as required by the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. Parkway tree removals shall be replanted at a 2:1 ratio All street tree plantings shall be brought up to current standards. When the City has previously been paid for tree plantings, the sub divider or contractor shall notify the Urban Forestry Division at: (213) 847-3077 upon completion of construction to expedite tree planting.

**Note:** Removal or planting of any tree in the public right-of-way requires approval of the Board of Public Works. Contact Urban Forestry Division at: (213) 847-3077 for permit information. CEQA document must address parkway tree removals.

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## CITY OF LOS ANGELES INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

Date:

January 9, 2020

To:

Mr. Vince Bertoni, Director Department of City Planning Attn: Sergio Ibarra (City Planner)

From:

Edmond Yew, Division Engineer

Land Development and GIS Division

Bureau of Engineering

Subject:

Case No. CPC 2019-4992 (SP/ZAD/SPR): 5860 West Jefferson Boulevard

- Revised Report

The following recommendations identifying the infrastructure deficiencies adjacent to the application site are submitted for your use for the approval of a Specific Plan, Zoning Administrator Determination and Site Plan Review adjoining the area involved:

### 1. Dedication Required:

**Jefferson Boulevard** (Modified Avenue II) - None.

### 2. Improvements Required:

Jefferson Boulevard – Construct additional concrete sidewalk in the public right-of-way. The applicant may obtain a revocable permit from the Central District Office of the Bureau of Engineering for wall, fence and landscaping to remain in the dedicated right-of-way (213) 482-7055. Repair all broken, off-grade or bad order concrete curb, gutter, existing sidewalk and roadway pavement along the property frontage. If necessary, construct all driveways to comply with BOE standards and ADA requirements.

**Note:** Broken curb and/or gutter includes segments within existing score lines that are depressed or upraised by more than ¼ inch from the surrounding concrete work or are separated from the main body of the concrete piece by a crack through the entire vertical segment and greater than 1/8 inch at the surface of the section.

Non- ADA compliant sidewalk shall include any sidewalk that has a cross slope that exceeds 2% and/or is depressed or upraised by more than ¼ inch from the surrounding concrete work or has full concrete depth cracks that have separations greater than 1/8 inch at the surface. The sidewalk also includes that portion of the pedestrian path of travel across a driveway.

All new sidewalk curb and gutter shall conform to the Bureau of Engineering Standard Plans S410-2, S440-4, S442-5 and S444-0.

Install tree wells with root barriers and plant street trees satisfactory to the City Engineer and the Urban Forestry Division of the Bureau of Street Services. The applicant should contact the Urban Forestry Division for further information (213) 847-3077.

Notes: Street lighting may be required satisfactory to the Bureau of Street Lighting (213) 847-1551.

Department of Transportation may have additional requirements for dedication and improvements.

Refer to the Department of Water and Power regarding power poles (213) 367-2715.

Refer to the Fire Department regarding fire hydrants (213) 482-6543.

Contact the Department of Transportation regarding any conflicts with traffic signs, parking spaces, meters or traffic control devices (213) 482-7024.

- 3. Roof drainage and surface run-off from the property shall be collected and treated at the site and drained to the streets through drain pipes constructed under the sidewalk or through curb drains connected to the catch basins.
- 4. Sewer facilities and laterals are available for connection at Corbett Street. All Sewer Facilities Charges and Bonded Sewer Fees are to be paid prior to obtaining a building permit at (213) 482-7030.

**Advisory Note**: There is an abandoned 63-inch outfall sewer along the 30-foot wide sanitary sewer easement traversing across the property that WCED needs to review until such time the easement is quitclaimed. Prior to a quitclaim of the easement, any construction over the easement shall be submitted to BOE for review and approval. Upon finalization of the quitclaim process and recordation of quitclaim deed, the applicant is advised to identify its own methodology for dealing with the abandoned pipe.

- 5. An investigation by the Bureau of Engineering Central District Office Sewer Counter may be necessary to determine the capacity of the existing public sewers to accommodate the proposed development. Submit a request to the Central District Office of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 482-7030.
- 6. Submit shoring and lateral support plans to the Excavation Counter of the Bureau of Engineering for review and approval prior to excavating adjacent to the public right-of-way (213) 482-7053.
- 7. Submit parking area and driveway plans to the Central District Office of the Bureau of Engineering and the Department of Transportation for review and approval.

Any questions regarding this report may be directed to Quyen M. Phan of my staff at (213) 808-8604.

cc: Francis Park Central District Office

### +FORM. GEN. 160 (Rev. 6-80) CITY OF LOS ANGELES

### INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

January 31, 2020

TO: Vincent Bertoni, AICP, Director of Planning

Department of City Planning Attention: Sergio Ibarra

FROM: Los Angeles Fire Department

SUBJECT: CPC-2019-4992-SP-ZAD-SPR.:5860 W Jefferson Blvd

Submit plot plans for Fire Department approval and review prior to recordation of City Planning Case.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Access for Fire Department apparatus and personnel to and into all structures shall be required.

Address identification. New and existing buildings shall have approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

One or more Knox Boxes will be required to be installed for LAFD access to project. Location and number to be determined by LAFD Field Inspector. (Refer to FPB Reg # 75).

The entrance or exit of all ground dwelling units shall not be more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

### Fire Lane Requirements:

- 1) Fire lane width shall not be less than 20 feet. When a fire lane must accommodate the operation of Fire Department aerial ladder apparatus or where fire hydrants are installed, those portions shall not be less than 28 feet in width.
- 2) The width of private roadways for general access use and fire lanes shall not be less than 20 feet, and the fire lane must be clear to the sky.
- 3) Fire lanes, where required and dead ending streets shall terminate in a cul-de-sac or other approved turning area. No dead ending street or fire lane shall be greater than 700 feet in length or secondary access shall be required.
- 4) Submit plot plans indicating access road and turning area for Fire Department approval.
- 5) All parking restrictions for fire lanes shall be posted and/or painted prior to any Temporary Certificate of Occupancy being issued.
- 6) Plans showing areas to be posted and/or painted, "FIRE LANE NO PARKING" shall be submitted and approved by the Fire Department prior to building permit application sign-off.
- **7)** Electric Gates approved by the Fire Department shall be tested by the Fire Department prior to Building and Safety granting a Certificate of Occupancy.
- 8) All public street and fire lane cul-de-sacs shall have the curbs painted red and/or be posted "No Parking at Any Time" prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for any structures adjacent to the cul-de-sac.
- 9) No framing shall be allowed until the roadway is installed to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

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Where above ground floors are used for residential purposes, the access requirement shall be interpreted as being the horizontal travel distance from the street, driveway, alley, or designated fire lane to the main entrance of individual units.

No building or portion of a building shall be constructed more than 150 feet from the edge of a roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

The following recommendations of the Fire Department relative to fire safety shall be incorporated into the building plans, which includes the submittal of a plot plan for approval by the Fire Department either prior to the recordation of a final map or the approval of a building permit. The plot plan shall include the following minimum design features: fire lanes, where required, shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width; all structures must be within 300 feet of an approved fire hydrant, and entrances to any dwelling unit or guest room shall not be more than 150 feet in distance in horizontal travel from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane.

### 2014 CITY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE CODE, SECTION 503.1.4 (EXCEPTION)

- a. When this exception is applied to a fully fire sprinklered residential building equipped with a wet standpipe outlet inside an exit stairway with at least a 2 hour rating the distance from the wet standpipe outlet in the stairway to the entry door of any dwelling unit or guest room shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel AND the distance from the edge of the roadway of an improved street or approved fire lane to the door into the same exit stairway directly from outside the building shall not exceed 150 feet of horizontal travel.
- b. It is the intent of this policy that in no case will the maximum travel distance exceed 150 feet inside the structure and 150 feet outside the structure. The term "horizontal travel" refers to the actual path of travel to be taken by a person responding to an emergency in the building.
- c. This policy does not apply to single-family dwellings or to non-residential buildings.

The Fire Department may require additional roof access via parapet access roof ladders where buildings exceed 28 feet in height, and when overhead wires or other obstructions block aerial ladder access.

Recently, the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) modified Fire Prevention Bureau (FPB) Requirement 10. Helicopter landing facilities are still required on all High-Rise buildings in the City. However, FPB's Requirement 10 has been revised to provide two new alternatives to a full FAA-approved helicopter landing facilities.

Each standpipe in a new high-rise building shall be provided with two remotely located FDC's for each zone in compliance with NFPA 14-2013, Section 7.12.2.

Site plans shall include all overhead utility lines adjacent to the site.

Where access for a given development requires accommodation of Fire Department apparatus, overhead clearance shall not be less than 14 feet.

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No proposed development utilizing cluster, group, or condominium design of one or two family dwellings shall be more than 150 feet from the edge of the roadway of an improved street, access road, or designated fire lane.

On small lot subdivisions, any lots used for access purposes shall be recorded on the final map as a "Fire Lane".

Construction of public or private roadway in the proposed development shall not exceed 15 percent in grade.

Private development shall conform to the standard street dimensions shown on Department of Public Works Standard Plan S-470-0.

Standard cut-corners will be used on all turns.

5101.1 Emergency responder radio coverage in new buildings. All new buildings shall have approved radio coverage for emergency responders within the building based upon the existing coverage levels of the public safety communication systems of the jurisdiction at the exterior of the building. This section shall not require improvement of the existing public safety communication systems.

That in order to provide assurance that the proposed common fire lane and fire protection facilities, for the project, not maintained by the City, are properly and adequately maintained, the sub-divider shall record with the County Recorder, prior to the recordation of the final map, a covenant and agreement (Planning Department General Form CP-6770) to assure the following:

- A. The establishment of a property owners association, which shall cause a yearly inspection to be, made by a registered civil engineer of all common fire lanes and fire protection facilities. The association will undertake any necessary maintenance and corrective measures. Each future property owner shall automatically become a member of the association or organization required above and is automatically subject to a proportionate share of the cost.
- B. The future owners of affected lots with common fire lanes and fire protection facilities shall be informed or their responsibility for the maintenance of the devices on their lots. The future owner and all successors will be presented with a copy of the maintenance program for their lot. Any amendment or modification that would defeat the obligation of said association as the Advisory Agency must approve required hereinabove in writing after consultation with the Fire Department.
- C. In the event that the property owners association fails to maintain the common property and easements as required by the CC and R's, the individual property owners shall be responsible for their proportional share of the maintenance.
- D. Prior to any building permits being issued, the applicant shall improve, to the satisfaction of the Fire Department, all common fire lanes and install all private fire hydrants to be required.
- E. That the Common Fire Lanes and Fire Protection facilities be shown on the Final Map.

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The plot plans shall be approved by the Fire Department showing fire hydrants and access for each phase of the project prior to the recording of the final map for that phase. Each phase shall comply independently with code requirements.

Any roof elevation changes in excess of 3 feet may require the installation of ships ladders.

Provide Fire Department pathway front to rear with access to each roof deck via gate or pony wall less than 36 inches.

Building designs for multi-storied residential buildings shall incorporate at least one access stairwell off the main lobby of the building; But, in no case greater than 150ft horizontal travel distance from the edge of the public street, Private Street or Fire Lane. This stairwell shall extend onto the roof.

Entrance to the main lobby shall be located off the address side of the building.

Any required Fire Annunciator panel or Fire Control Room shall be located within 20ft visual line of site of the main entrance stairwell or to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

Where rescue window access is required, provide conditions and improvements necessary to meet accessibility standards as determined by the Los Angeles Fire Department.

Adequate off-site public and on-site private fire hydrants may be required. Their number and location to be determined after the Fire Department's review of the plot plan.

Any required fire hydrants to be installed shall be fully operational and accepted by the Fire Department prior to any building construction.

The applicant is further advised that all subsequent contact regarding these conditions must be with the Hydrant and Access Unit. This would include clarification, verification of condition compliance and plans or building permit applications, etc., and shall be accomplished **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**, in order to assure that you receive service with a minimum amount of waiting please call **(213) 482-6543**. You should advise any consultant representing you of this requirement as well.

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Reference: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

By submitting this letter I would like to express my full support for the proposed development project at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. It will be so wonderful for Angelinos to see this arhitectural marvel magically appear along side Jefferson Blvd. Modern office tower, public open space, world class design will for sure improve quality of life for tenants and members of the community.

I have known Laurie Smith of Samitaur Constructs for more than 20 years. It is amazing to see how the area of Hayden Tract has been transformed by her company in collaboration with Eric Owen Moss architects! 5850 W. Jefferson Blvd. project is unique and will stand out as a jewel in Los Angeles.

My full support for the project, that will not only change the landscape of the area, but will change the face of Los Angeles too! The project at 5850 is an opportunity not to be missed by the City and should be approved. I respectfully hope it will be.

Sincerely,

Vitaly Artiushkin



October 5, 2020

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REF: 5850 W. Jefferson Blvd., Case No: CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR

Greetings Mr. Ibarra,

We are writing to you regarding our support of approving the above referenced project. Los Angeles is in dire need of such a brilliantly thought out development like this, especially in these uncertain times. The quality and thought of the layout by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects is fantastic with the forethought to incorporate paths nearby the Expo Line light rail for both pedestrians and cyclists to easily access it.

Our company has had the distinct pleasure of working with Samitaur Constructs over the last few years, we have complete and absolute faith that they, along with Moss Architects, will make this 22-story commercial office building a beautiful addition to this community.

This project would be a welcome and vital component in this area of Los Angeles since it would certainly bring in much needed jobs to this and the surrounding communities.

David and I would like to fully support and would like to recommend that this project be approved.

Best regards, David and Stephanie Bower



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Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am writing this letter to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and beautifully designed park space around the exterior, will be a game-changer for this part of the City, which has seen so much change in recent years with conscientious development throughout the area following the opening of the Expo Line.

My firm, T. Viole Construction, has worked on many of the local projects throughout the neighborhood and has worked collaboratively with Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects.[

The 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment in the City of Los Angeles, during a time when economic development and job creation should be at the forefront of everyone's minds. Given the historic pandemic that has brought so much economic turmoil to the City, a project of this scale and quality will create well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries while continuing the new trend of impressive investment that this neighborhood has seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

5850 West Jefferson, in addition to its economic benefits, is consistent with and will support the neighborhood's desire to have increased public-access outdoor parks. This project, with its stunning public open space and walkable environment that so smoothly connect it to the nearby Expo Line, will support both alternate modes of transportation, and a healthy lifestyle, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In its entirety, 5850 West Jefferson is a great project that will support the local economy, the City's goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

Timothy Viole

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones well.

This year has been the toughest year that many of us have had to endure and good news are hard to come by and very much welcome. When I was informed about the development project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles, I felt compelled to write to you and express my support for this VERY needed development project.

I have been in my industry for over 20 years and I have direct knowledge of the kind of work that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Moss have done. Their footprint in the community is vast and the direct improvement to the city that results from their developments is hard to find anywhere else.

When I look at the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard, I see a better city, an improvement to the community and a place that will make everyone in the area happy. This project is GOOD NEWS.

Considering that 51% of the project site will be open space, it will be a welcoming site.

Our economy also needs this type of development. This project will create well-paying jobs not just in construction but many other trades that are currently in need.

I am proud and happy to support this project and I hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

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President

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Dear Mr. Ibarra:

Thank you for taking the time to read my support letter for the project at **5850 W. Jefferson Blvd** in Los Angeles. The Expo line was a game changer for the City and benefitted local residence greatly with transportation options. This development project can add Architectural innovation to the City and open an exterior concept area for local community enjoyment. This City will embrace this project and can be an escape in these times.

The economic benefits will be incremental for local business, especially during this pandemic and uncertainty. The team at Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects set the standard in integrity and innovation in the industry.

**Henry Company** has been the **#1 Choice of Professionals** for **89 years**, Founded out of Huntington Park, Ca. I work with many Architectural firms and Property Managers, no one comes close to them.

This project represents a tremendous opportunity for the community and will show case the innovation design this City represents.

I strongly support and encourage this project on **5850 W. Jefferson Blvd**. This City and residence needs this project Mr. Ibarra, especially now.

Sincerely,

Jím Banuelos

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Blvd

Case No. CPC-2010-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI

CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR

### Dear Mr Ibarra:

I am writing in support of the above referenced project located at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. I am a proud lifelong Angeleno and brother to Laurie Samitaur Smith, the owner of Samitaur Constructs. By profession, I am in the finance world, serving as a Managing Director at Wells Fargo Advisors.

Over the past 35 years, I have had a front row seat to the fabulous growth and evolution of Samitaur Constructs. It always amazes me how each project they undertake builds on the last, yet is completely unique on its own. Over the years Samitaur has become well known and recognized by their peers within the fields of architecture and construction for cutting edge design and flawless execution. Each new project they undertake is an intriguing culmination of all of their past experience and knowledge, and a representation of the rigor with which they approach everything they do.

I am certain 5850 West Jefferson will be no exception. I believe this project will be a great asset to our community at this point in time, and that it is very much poised for success in three key areas:

- 1. This project will attract and provide good paying employment in a diverse set of fields. It is well established that Samitaur's unique and dynamic value proposition puts it in a class of its own. The result is a very high level of satisfaction among its tenants. Businesses that lease from Samitaur tend to be growth oriented and they create powerful synchronicities among themselves and their surroundings. This directly translates into increased economic activity and higher tax revenues.
- 2. The project will be an attractive addition to an otherwise under-utilized part of our City. The evocative and novel design of the proposed structure, coupled with the

- vast amount of open space, will in my opinion act as a springboard for the neighborhood to further develop in a positive direction. The seamless interface with nearby rail transportation will be a boon to the community at large.
- 3. With work-from-home arrangements on the rise due to the coronavirus pandemic, the negative impact to commercial office space is likely to be significant. Because of this, advancing projects like 5850 West Jefferson is more important than ever to our City. Positioned to offer tenants features and benefits they cannot get elsewhere, this project promises to be well insulated from future downturns.

I urge the Planning Commission to approve this project which will undoubtedly be an impressive and meaningful asset to the City and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judson Mock

Sincerely,



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### Support of 5850 West Jefferson

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Dear Mr. Ibarra:

My name is Sino Saraei and I am one of the senior account executives here at Spectrum Enterprise that have had the pleasure supporting Samitaur Construct and all their tenants with Spectrum services since 2008.

I am writing to you in support of the 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard project in Los Angeles. This development would be a welcome addition to the community, as well as anyone who might experience the project.

The impact of a development such as this would help boost the economy and livelihood of many people which could use inspiration such as this during this difficult times.

Thanks in advance for your time and have a great day.

Sincerely,

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Re: 5850 West Jefferson Bl. Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CP10A-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA NO. ENV-2008-478-EIR addendum.

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

This letter is to support the proposed development at 5850 W Jefferson BL. In Los Angeles. As the President of Budgetel Communications Inc. Who has been doing business with Samitaur Constructs for over 25 years as well as a lifetime resident of Culver City which butts up to the proposed project, I have witnessed what the team of Samitaur Constructs and Architect Eric Moss can do. The east end of Culver City and the adjacent proposed site located in Los Angeles, had been a neglected industrial area. In the past 30 years, the team has taken this dreary area and turned it into a vibrant, esthetically pleasing office park that attracts high end tech and entertainment companies as well as other related business. They have effectively extended "Silicon Beach" from the beach to this, what used to be a bland business park. I can only believe that with their track record, the area will continue to be a benefit to business and residents alike.

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**Bob Thayer** 

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear City Planner Ibarra,

We hope this letter finds you well and thank you for considering this letter for records. My name is Hooman Nastarin, and I am the President and Co-Founder of Nast Enterprises Corp., an award-winning structural engineering firm. I am reaching out in order to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. Since late 1980's our firm has been teaming up with Eric Owen Moss Architects and Samitaur Constructs in renovating the surrounding southern California communities thru meaningful transformation. I have witnessed the highest extent of attention to excellence, care and public service by Eric Owen Moss and Samitaur Construct teams. As an active member of the Structural Engineering Association of Southern California (SEASC), they have helped and encouraged us successfully promote Excellence in Structural Engineering in many of our collaborations, promoting world renowned structures thru Excellent Architecture and Construction.

This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and brilliantly designed park space around the exterior, will usher considerably positive development for this part of the City, consistent with the recent progress in the resent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

5850 Jefferson, provides substantial step toward the environmental goals of the City by providing the stunning public open space and walkable environment that so effortlessly connect it to the nearby Expo Line Station, will support alternate modes of transportation and a healthy lifestyle while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Further, the 5850 Jefferson project represents a significant investment into the City of Los Angeles, during a time when economic development and job creation should be at the forefront of everyone's minds. Given the historic pandemic that has brought so much economic turmoil to the city, a project of this scale and quality will create well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries while continuing the trend of impressive investment this neighborhood has

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seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

In its entirety, 5850 Jefferson is an excellent development that will support the local environmental and social-economical city goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at (310) 268 – 9419.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. The project, comprised of a 22-story commercial tower surrounded by extensive landscaped open space, will greatly enhance this part of the city which has continued to evolve in recent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

The teams at Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are visionaries in their fields, and this project design will add to the forward vision of the city planning. Without a doubt, they will develop another architecturally significant project for the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, if approved, the project will expand on their commitment to advancing the quality of life for residents of central Los Angeles and encourage further economic investment and job creation in the area.

We are proud to support the project, and strongly urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Nabih Youssef

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Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am submitting this letter to show my full support for the proposed development project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The proposed 22 story commercial office space will be sitting on a large, beautiful public open park space with access to pedestrians and cyclists alike. With the Expo Line light rail so close, it will support an alternate form of transportation which will keep the carbon footprint low. This project will have a great impact on the local economy, providing hundreds of jobs until completion, which will then transfer to hundreds of jobs after completion, drawing in some of the top innovative companies.

I strongly urge that this project be approved.

Sincerely,

Mike Gralapp, Vice President of A & G Lumber Company



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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra.

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the above referenced project by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects. This project exemplifies a regional, public-private approach to further city and state economic development, infrastructure improvement, and intermodal priorities.

I strongly support this project and believe that it will be nothing but beneficial to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Zehner Founder & CEO



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### RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

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Mon, Oct 12, 2020 at 3:33 PM

Dear Sergio Ibarra,

My name is Mark and I have been a tenant of Samitaur Constructs since 2005.

I always appreciated the architecture of Eric Owen Moss. I never get bored of his unique designs. Over the last 15 years, I have watched Los Angeles and Culver City grow into contemporary and much desired locations. I think that the new project and at 5850 West Jefferson will further spark this evolution. Apart from the building design, I like the fact that this project has a strong focus on landscape and open space. It has a small footprint within the park itself and yet had a large area of office space.

Thank you,

Mark

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Dear Sergio,

I am submitting this letter in support of the development project at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The project, proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects, will be located across the river from Zoic Studios back porch on Eastham Drive. As a fan of "The Wrapper", whose construction I've witnessed over the last year, I am beyond thrilled to see the potential in this second concept for our internationally unique and thriving neighborhood.

Zoic Studios is one of the leading providers of visual effects and animation in the world. Our brand, visual evolution, is a commitment to a partnership for life in evolving the art of storytelling and technology. I first met Laurie and Frederick some 18 years ago when we opened in Culver City. We met at a planning meeting discussing the growth potential of the Conjunctive Points. I was inspired by their joint vision of commerce and art. In its simplest form, by elevating the region through creativity and technology in design, commerce would follow. Zoic studios has witnessed this transformation firsthand and I am a fan.

Even on a small scale, we have witnessed Jordan Kahn and Eric build an internationally acclaimed restaurant by merging art, architecture, sound, and the culinary arts. Vespertine is the model.

Samitaur's vison transcends economic philosophy and has generated a realistic prototype for new theory, which is nothing less than historic.

Zoic Studios and I support and applaud their continued vision and look forward to seeing this next project and many others for years to come continue to put our city on the bleeding edge of the future of commerce and design.

Sincerely,

Loni C. Peristere



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October 15, 2020

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am submitting this letter to communicate my support for the proposed development project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. I think that the building's creative design will complement the existing Samitaur / Eric Owen Moss (EOM) projects in the area and, in particular, that the green space proposed to surround the building will be a very welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Praedicat has had its office in the Hayden Tract since 2012, and has been a Samitaur tenant since 2014. Part of the reason we selected the Hayden Tract for our office was because of its central location for our employees who commute from all over the greater Los Angeles area. However, another key driver was the creative look and feel of the neighborhood. We were, and continue to be, drawn to the "architecture as art" aesthetic, which is mostly created by the Samitaur / EOM projects throughout the neighborhood. And we are supportive of new projects, like this one, that will add to and enhance that aesthetic, which we believe helps inspire creativity and makes walking around the neighborhood more fun and interesting.

Also, this project would start to address one of the biggest shortcomings of the neighborhood – its lack of green space and pedestrian-friendly walking routes. Given the project's location near the La Cienega/Jefferson Expo line station and its central location in Hayden Tract, I think it would become a destination for people who work in the vicinity and that people (myself included) would frequent the outdoor spaces and enjoy them.

For these reasons, in addition to the fact that it will attract new businesses to the area and create jobs both during and after construction, I believe the project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard is a great opportunity for the City to enhance the community and the economy. I very much hope that it will be approved.

Sincerely

Lisa Gallagher

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478- EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am reaching out to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and beautifully designed park space around the exterior, will be a game-changer for this part of the City, which has seen so much positive change in recent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

I am the owner of a Los Angeles based commercial janitorial company, Kohl Building Maintenance, Inc. I have worked with Samitaur for many years and found their buildings to be unique, exciting and inspiring. As a native of Los Angeles, the city needs more development and developers like Samitaur to, not only add to our city's cultural identity, but provide additional, much needed jobs for companies like mine.

The 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment in the City of Los Angeles, during a time when economic development and job creation should be at the forefront of everyone's minds. Given the historic pandemic that has brought so much economic turmoil to the City, a project of this scale and quality will create well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries while continuing the new trend of impressive investment that this neighborhood has seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

5850 West Jefferson, in addition to its economic benefits, is consistent with and will support the neighborhood's desire to have increased public-access to outdoor parks. This project, with its stunning public open space and walkable environment that so smoothly connect it to the nearby Expo Line, will support both alternate modes of transportation, and a healthy lifestyle, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In its entirety, 5850 West Jefferson is a great project that will support the local economy, the City's goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Kohl President Jordan Kahn Chef/Owner Vespertine Restaurant 3599 Hayden Ave Culver City, CA 90232

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum) To whom it may concern:

My name is Jordan Kahn. I am the Chef/Owner of the 2-star Michelin restaurant, Vespertine, located in the Hayden Tract district of Culver City. I am writing this letter to express my full and enthusiastic support of the proposed project located at 5850 West Jefferson. This stunning project is yet another shining example of the incredible, transformative work that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are known for. I have been working very closely with Samitaur and EOMA since 2014, and I can assert, without a shadow of a doubt, their commitment, vision, execution, and quality are unparalleled.

I first met Laurie Smith and her late husband, Frederick Smith, in the private conference room of their office, situated in the building known as the "Stealth", on Hayden Ave. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more daunting environment in which to pitch a radical, new concept which converts a waffle-shaped tower of twisted steel and glass, into a world-class dining destination. Most developers would laugh you right out of the room. In fact, most developers wouldn't even entertain a meeting and would dismiss the idea outright. Frederick and Laure Smith were very different. They didn't ask questions about entitlements, construction costs, use permits, financing, or any other typical language you might expect from an experienced and very successful developer. Instead, they spoke of Picasso and Miró, Vagner, Don Quixote, and their favorite Michelin-starred restaurant in Marseille (I have since forgotten the name). The project Vespertine would not exist had it not been for the commitment, creativity, talent, thoughtfulness, and sheer determination of Samitaur and EOMA. I believe it to have been the most difficult restaurant construction build-out in history! No one else would have ever green-lit this project and certainly no one else would have been able to accomplish it. As a result of their courage, wisdom, and support, we were not only able to achieve our goal in successfully opening Vespertine, but also garnering the title of the #1 restaurant in Los Angeles by the LA Times, after just being open for 3 months. Our second year, we won the World Restaurant Award for Best Atmosphere in the world (the only restaurant in

North America to win an award that year). In our third year, we garnered 2 stars from the Michelin Guide in their inaugural Los Angeles release. The iconic structure which houses the restaurant Vespertine, is renowned as being one of the most exciting and extraordinary gastronomical destinations on the planet.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to speak of, not only the achievements of Samitaur and EOMA, but also on the process of working towards those achievements. Their discipline and professionalism is the most impressive I've ever encountered. Vespertine is only 3 years old, but my company is already looking to expand and continue to develop more projects and concepts in the future with EOMA and Samitaur.

The proposed Jefferson project includes a 22-story modern office tower with ample public open space surrounding the tower and parking located underground. However, this description hardly does justice to how unique and exceptional the project is. Those who are familiar with world class architectural design know that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are in a class of their own. Their award-winning work has been studied and written about at length and I expect this project to continue this trend. The renderings of 5850 Jefferson alone are stunning and preview a structure that is sure stand out as a jewel in Los Angeles. The success of such a unique structure will likely beget subsequent creative design and real estate investment here in the City.

Other key facets of the 5850 Jefferson project include commitments to walkability, public open space and integration with transit. The extensive and aesthetically pleasing open space included in the project will improve quality of life for tenants and community members alike. Additionally, the project's seamless integration (for both pedestrians and cyclists alike) with the nearby Expo Line light rail station exhibits its commitment to true transit oriented development.

For these many reasons, I believe the project at 5850 represents a tremendous opportunity for this community and for the City. I strongly and respectfully urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Jordan Kahn.

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### JOHNSON FAIN

To: Mr. Sergio Ibarra, City Planner

200 N. Spring Street, Rm. 721

Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter in Support of the Office Development Project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard

September 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing in support of the above-mentioned project on West Jefferson, near the La Cienega and Jefferson Expo Line Metro Station. I believe the developer is requesting a height exception. The project is important for the area since recent construction has been for mostly residential and retail development. The following are my reasons for support:

- Being near to the Metro Station helps to implement the "Centers Concept" expressed in the 1970's Los Angeles City wide plan for future transit and urban development. The project is fully compliant with the principle for a transit-oriented project.
- The proposed jobs oriented project is within a convenient walking distance to the Metro Station and newly constructed residential projects.
- The project provides new employment for potential technology professionals and builds upon the "Silicon Beach" growth that has taken place adjoining the site in Culver City and Santa Monica.
- The project has minimal traffic and visual impact on existing residential neighborhoods, both in Los Angeles and The City of Culver City.
- The project provides a "skyline" for the La Cienega/Jefferson Expo Station and a distinctive landmark building as a "Gateway" for drivers as they enter the City of Los Angeles along Jefferson Boulevard.
- The project will be distinctive for its architecture, being designed by Los Angeles native and one of our country's most renown architects, Eric Owen Moss.

Without reservation, I urge your support for approving this outstanding project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard. It will be a great addition to the City of Los Angeles.

With all best wishes,

William H. Fain, Jr.

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September 10, 2020

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing this letter in support of the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project being proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects. Their team has a proven track record of forward thinking architectural projects in the area, having transformed the nearby Hayden track over the last thirty years. Recently the firm received the prestigious "25 Year Award" from the national American Institute of Architects (AIA) for their work in the area.

This project is another example of a smart, innovative and beautiful urban development our city is so in need of. The project will be a great addition to the area, and will provide generous open space by placing parking below grade. The project takes advantage of the proximity to the Expo Line, thereby encouraging public transportation. As the city looks towards hosting the Olympics in 2028, it is exactly this kind of project that all Angelenos can point to proudly as exemplifying the best that Los Angeles has to offer.

As a practicing architect in Los Angeles for over thirty years, and as a citizen and small business owner in Culver City, I wholeheartedly offer my support for the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project.

Warm Regards,

John Enright, FAIA Griffin Enright Architects Griffin Enright Architects

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### Letter of Support for 5850 West Jefferson

1 message

Jennifer Dunlop Fletcher < jdunlopfletcher@sfmoma.org> To: "sergio.ibarra@lacity.org" <sergio.ibarra@lacity.org>

Fri, Sep 25, 2020 at 4:57 PM

Dear Sergio Ibarra,

I write in support of the Eric Owen Moss Architects and Samitaur Developers proposal for public plaza and office tower designed for 5850 West Jefferson. In response to the new densification of residential and commercial development along the Expo Line, the concept for 5850 Jefferson emerges from the architecture-developer team who recently won the American Institute of Architects 25 Year Award for the impressive area they've built across Jefferson in Culver City. Los Angeles, perhaps even more than Chicago, is a city of international renown for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Architecture. The Moss-Samitaur team have successfully proven that thoughtful, imaginative architecture will create a sought-after creative hub and cultural destination. Together, their Culver City development has attracted Fortune 500 businesses as well as museum curators for its design, infusing the small city with financial stability and cultural notoriety, without displacing or even disrupting the surrounding residential neighborhoods. As they turn their creative attention and resources just across the Ballona Creek to Los Angeles' Baldwin Hills west commercial block, the pair envisions an architectural response to nearby new public transit thread—the Expo Line—that stitches the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area together.

Their proposal envisions a landmark office park for the 21st century. The mid-block 5850 Jefferson proposal would provide a public green space surrounding an iconic circular tower. The architectural building will be immediately recognizable from the Expo Line to the North and the six-lane La Cienega corridor, transforming the river-facing, back-side block from a nondescript big box asphalt no-man's land to a commercial and cultural destination. With a sensitivity to walk-ability, bikeaccess and much needed public gathering spaces for workers and residents, while also bridging the Jefferson divide between Culver City and LA, the 5850 plan is the stimulus beacon enabling a larger transformative vision benefiting Los Angeles' Baldwin Hills. While nearby Village Green and its surrounding neighborhood is a historically significant architectural landmark of mid-century design, 5850 Jefferson would join the tracts at 5860, 5790 and 5792 as the midblock pied piper drawing people through the campus of 21st century architectural monuments.

I commend your consideration of bringing contemporary architecture to this area. As a former resident of Baldwin Hills, and architecture curator, this architecturally overlooked area sitting between two of Southern California's most significant architectural gems-Village Green and Conjunctive Points-was a disjuncture. You have the opportunity to create an important cultural corridor between the Expo and Obama Boulevard, signally renewed investment in the area's future.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Dunlop Fletcher

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Mr. Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street Room 721 Los Angeles CA 90012

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I would like to urge your support for the Samitaur Constructs' project proposed for 5850 West Jefferson in the Central City. This singular project is precisely what our City needs. It's proximity to the metro line makes it commuter friendly. Getting personal cars off the streets and freeway is an important planning goal for the City of Los Angeles if we are to avoid being strangled by traffic. Tenants' and visitors' a close up view of Ballona Creek (the LA River) will make them aware of the efforts to restore this important waterway. Parking is underground, no litter of cars around the building. The building sits in the midst of landscaped open space. In addition to its esthetic and recreational value the park will provide much needed carbon breathing foliage.

Most importantly, the building itself will be a statement that Los Angeles is in the forefront of urban revitalization. The Architect Eric Owen Moss has proven himself an innovator several times over. His work at the Hayden Tract in Culver City proved a magnet for creative and innovative firms that must be part of LA's future. I worked with Mr. Moss from 2001 to 2008 when I was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) where he served as Director. From personal knowledge, I credit Mr. Moss with the extraordinary success that SCI-Arc has enjoyed. The site at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Santa Fe was ground zero for urban blight when the School moved there. Sci-Arc is now the anchor for the vibrant Arts District that has transformed that part of Downtown LA.

Most important however it's the proposed building itself. There is nothing like it in world. It will be controversial. It will thrill many people who see it. It will shock some. No one will be unaware of its existence. Will it be an iconic structure like the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Guggenheim in Bilbao? Only time will tell. This project is precisely what our City needs in these fraught times. In the short run It will provide much needed high paying jobs. In the long run it will be a landmark structure that occupants love, and that visitors must see.

I strongly urge you to support this project.

Cordially,

Ian F Robertson

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing this letter in support of the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project being proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects.

As the director of SCI-Arc, an Los Angeles, with global recognition as one of the best schools of architecture, the work of Eric Owen Moss Architects, has and is a constant inspiration and guide of what architecture is and should be.

The work developed over the years in Culver City, is a beacon of quality, city making, social engagement and economical growth. Is a case study all over the world about to innovate and re frame what city making is.

This project clearly is another extraordinary addition to the evolution of this process, recently this one of a kind phenomenon has being recognized by the prestigious "25 Year Award" from the national American Institute of Architects (AIA). Which speaks volumes of the impact that it has in the profession. But also form the cultural dimension point of view, it give us a sense of optimism and hope in times, that we are desperately need it.

As an Architect, Educator and Citizen, i offer my highest and stronger support for the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project.

Best regards.

Hernan Diaz Alonso

Hernan Diaz Alonso

Director

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Reference: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-

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To: Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

My name is Elan Lee, and I'm the Co-Founder and CEO of Exploding Kittens. We make two of the three best selling tabletop games in the world and have been operating out of Los Angeles since our inception. We currently employ 50 people and maintain distribution warehouses in six countries worldwide. In 2009, I moved my company into one of Samitaur Constructs' buildings at Conjunctive Points, where I spent 3 years, and was continually impressed by how Samitaur's development efforts were completely changing the neighborhood for the better.

Even when we outgrew the space, I continued to reside in the same area (where I purchased a home) and witnessed how Samitaur's work brought great benefit to the community. Therefore, I look forward to seeing their work continue into its next phase, which will hopefully be the project at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. That building, which will enable further economic development for the whole area, will also provide extensive park-like grounds to be enjoyed by all.

Based on my years of personal experience with Samitaur's accomplishments, I highly recommend that you approve Samitaur Constructs' request to be able to proceed with this project.

Thank you,

Elan Lee

CEO, Exploding Kittens

October 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

We are writing this letter to express our truest and heartfelt support for the proposed building at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles. This project would be only a continuation of the incredible legacy Samitaur has given to the city and the community. What we love so much about this particular construction is that it has public open space, with a tower and parking located on the ground, and this would only add to the beauty of the community and stand out as yet another jewel in Los Angeles.

Aesthetically, this project will improve the quality of the community and life for its tenants. The project's integration with the Expo Line light rail demonstrates the team's passion for developing around the transit system. These and many other reasons are why we support this incredible new project and hope that you will support it, as well.

We are familiar with the community, as 20 years ago, the Debbie Allen Dance Academy was housed in the center of the Samitaur complex on Hayden Ave. And it was beyond a joy to launch this now internationally-acclaimed studio right there. We have remained connected to the neighborhood and to Samitaur Constructs.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Norman Nixon and Debbie Allen

Debbie Allen

Founder and Artistic Director

Debbie Allen Dance Academy

Debbie Allen Founder, Artistic Director

Norm Nixon Co-Founder, Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am contacting you in support for the project at 5850 W Jefferson Blvd in Los Angeles. The 22-story commercial office tower and park, will be a step in the right direction for the City, which has evolved in the years following the opening of the Expo Line.

The 5850 project will not only bring new cutting-edge companies who are looking to relocate to a new office space in our city but also an open space for the neighborhood to enjoy. The open public space will allow people to enjoy the environment and city while being in close proximity to the expo line. During this unfortunate time, a project of this scale will create many jobs in the construction and related industries, helping our economy and investing in our own neighborhood.

Dandoy Glass has completed many projects with both Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects over the last 25+ years. We intend to continue our collaboration on many projects in the future and improve our city.

Sincerely,

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### High rise development at 5850 Jefferson, Case # CPC-2019-4992

Peter Moore <sparksinla@hotmail.com> To: Sergio Ibarra <sergio.ibarra@lacity.org> Wed, Oct 21, 2020 at 12:08 PM

Hi Sergio,

Thanks for getting back in touch with me. Ok September, that explains not being able to get on the Zoom meeting, we had the Month wrong.

I live in Cameo Woods which is just across Obama boulevard from the proposed development. Is there a website to visit to get more information on the project? Is there any Architectual drawings or even an artist impression. We are just going off the Ubanize article below about project.

The concern is, the proposed height at 22 stories it will totally dominate the Northern view from our community. It will block some of the view of the Hollywood Hills etc. I'm surprise that the Cameo Woods residence and HOA were not notified of this development.

The written comment I'd like to add is that; at the proposed height of 22 stories it's too high for the area.

Thanks for following up

Peter Moore, 5853 Bowcroft Street, Los Angeles, CA 90016 310-779-0160

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## 22-Story Office Tower Planned Near La Cienega/Jefferson Station | Urbanize LA

Yet another high-rise building could rise near the Expo Line's La Cienega/Jefferson Station, according to an entitlement application submitted yesterday to the Los Angeles Department of City Planning. The latest project would rise at 5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard, replacing what is now a surface

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From: Sergio Ibarra <sergio.ibarra@lacity.org> Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 10:35 AM To: Peter Moore <sparksinla@hotmail.com>

Subject: Re: High rise development at 5850 Jefferson, Case # CPC-2019-4992

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Christopher Acimovic 3206 Greenfield Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90034

October 11, 2020

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I was a resident of Culver City for 17 years from 1990 to 2007 and now live only a stone's throw from Culver City and continue to be involved in the activities therein as I frequent the area regularly as it relates to my employment, personal relationships and entertainment.

Over the period of time that I lived in Culver City, I witnessed dramatic changes from what was a sleepy "tumbleweed" town in the early 90s to a vibrant, exciting, destination location for employers, employees and residents alike as well as those seeking the entertainment venue that the City has thoughtfully undertaken during its renaissance.

I mention this because the proposed project site of 5850 W. Jefferson, although located in the City of Los Angeles, is practically an extension of Culver City due to its immediate proximity to the Hayden Tract and that location's phenomenal growth as well as downtown Culver City and further continued expansion and growth along Washington Blvd. reaching east to La Cienega. The dramatic development of sites such as the Helms Bakery and the Platform, not to mention Samitaur Construct's dedication and fostering of a burgeoning media, entertainment and tech "micro city" in the Hayden Tract has continued to bring jobs and investment into the area.

The development of the Expo line has acted as a conduit for opening up further access to these communities and as ridership continues to increase, we should demand dramatic development of sites along this corridor, not unlike New York where the subway served to create an interconnected city. The proximity of the Expo line to the proposed project only serves to further suggest the need for the most dynamic and integrated development in the surrounding area.

The City of Los Angeles should welcome and piggy back off of Culver City's development all the while learning from and adapting their successes to help improve upon the La Cienega/Jefferson corridor so that it too can flourish in the best possible way to continue to make Los Angeles a destination location for employers the world over.

For the reasons I have mentioned, not the least of which includes the numerous jobs that will be created not only during the development of this project, but after completion - I am writing to you today to offer my wholehearted support for the development of a 22-story office tower at 5850 W. Jefferson, as I believe the City must continue to embrace future job growth and thoughtful development that will continue to transform this neighborhood into a more vibrant community and workplace.

Samitaur Constructs, in conjunction with the architects of Eric Owen Moss have already demonstrated what is possible with their development in the Hayden Tract, which includes office and restaurant uses, coupled with their currently under-construction Wrapper project, Tin Can (Nike) building, We Work offices and Sawtooth buildings, have cracked the secret to generating an environment that today's companies desire. They have been at the forefront of this revolution that many other developers have mimicked to create further successes. For this reason, it is most logical that they be

allowed to continue with this ground breaking tradition that has been so instrumental in the change and prosperity brought to this area of the City; with Samitaur at the helm we should expect progress for many years to come.

Undoubtedly, Samitaur Constructs will factor in the pedestrian corridor to the Expo line and the need for the project to feature outdoor pavilions and open space that are in demand by today's employers, which are in concert with the need for safety in today's Covid environment. You can expect their full attention to detail concerning surrounding aesthetics so as to compliment the adjacent progress made and serve to transform, yet embrace the community.

For these many reasons, I believe the project at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. represents a tremendous opportunity for this community and for the City. I strongly and respectfully urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Christopher Acimovic
Christopher Acimovic

## **BURO HAPPOLD**

Sergio Ibarra, City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012 sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

Buro Happold is an international consultancy of engineers, consultants and advisers operating in 24 locations worldwide with over 1,900 employees. For over 40 years, we have built a world-class reputation for delivering creative, value led solutions for an ever-challenging world. Our Los Angeles office comprises 65 employees and a portfolio of over 150 projects in the LA metro area. As our anchor office on the West Coast, Buro Happold Los Angeles offers innovative integrated engineering and consultancy services to the city's world-renowned design community.

This letter is to confirm Buro Happold's support of the following project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard to be presented in the first entitlement hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The project contains 344,947 square feet of office in 22 stories.
- Building massing is centralized on the site to provide open space, circulation routes, and pedestrian areas around the perimeter of the site.
- Proximity to the Expo line and new pedestrian pathways across the Project Site promotes both pedestrian and transit connectivity in the neighborhood.
- Enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment by providing parking in four subterranean levels rather than an above-grade parking podium.
- Approximately 51 percent of the Project Site will be open space, in the form of extensive landscaping, seating and gathering areas, and pedestrian paths that result in approximately 66,100 square feet of park-like space surrounding the building.

We are thrilled to be providing innovative engineering services for the project, yet another example of iconic, world-class architectural design in our city. Owner Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects have a 35-year history working together in this community and are committed to its continued success and vibrancy.

Sincerely,

Chris McClean Partner

BURO HAPPOLD CONSULTING ENGINEERS INC.



October 6, 2020

Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Sergio Ibarra,

My name is Jennifer Miller, COO of Blur Studio and Executive Producer of Netflix's *Love, Death & Robots*, and I'm writing this letter to show my support of the 5850 West Jefferson Project. Tim Miller, my husband, and director of *Deadpool* founded Blur in 1995 to provide artists and animators with a place to utilize and expand their creative abilities. While at Culver City for the past 7 and a half years, our business has thrived. We've created original content for Netflix, released multiple award-winning commercials and cinematics, and have contributed to various films such as *Avatar, Terminator: Dark Fate, Sonic The Hedgehog, Deadpool*, and others.

During our time in Culver City, Samitaur has been the ideal land-lord, business partner, and collaborator. As Blur is a company that values architectural history and preservation, the Eric Owen Moss building in which we operate continues to be a source of artistic inspiration. Similarly, Culver City itself has proven to be the ideal location for Blur. In addition to becoming a destination for great food, art, and leisure, Culver City, thanks in large part to Samitaur and Eric Owen Moss Architects, has transformed itself into a hub of creativity and innovation, which pairs perfectly with Blur's vision.

As Culver Business residents, we've been able to witness first hand the booming social and cultural growth of the many neighborhoods and would love more than anything for this growth to continue. We believe that if this project is approved, it will help propel Culver City and Los Angeles into a beacon of modern architecture and forward thinking urbanization.

Sincerely, Jennifer Miller

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We, the Baldwin Hills Village Gardens Homes Association Inc. 1946, consisting of 444 homes and properties, are sending you this letter in favor of the proposed upcoming project at 5850 Jefferson Blvd, between National and Obama

Boulevards.

On August 31, 2020, the Eric Owen Moss Architects, hosted a meeting to introduce the Michael Bai & Association. They gave a background history of the company and showed photo renderings of the upcoming project for 2020-2023. The photos showed 4 levels of underground parking, 50% of open space, offices, a park-like green space surrounding the building and pedestrian paths.

This is project will enhance the neighborhood and will be consistent with some of the other new developments. Although these new developments are very futuristic, we are concerned about the increase in traffic and parking in our residential community and how the 5850 Jefferson Project and the Department of Transportation will provide additional support.

They asked us for more ongoing input and handed out a one, page flyer on the project. After a brief question and answer period from the homeowners and the community at large, a vote was taken by the Board on the Jefferson project, the vote was unanimous to approve.

If you have any questions, please call Denise Edwards at 323-296-5791 or use our 24/7 Voice Mail (323-654-7978 Ext. 2800) and leave a message and one of the board members will return your call.

Sincerely,

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478- EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am reaching out in order to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and beautifully designed park space around the exterior, will continue the positive transformation of this part of the City, which has seen so much change in recent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

I have been a tenant in the developer's Hayden Tract development for almost twenty years and can attest to the positive impact that this development has had on Culver City. It has had a transformative impact on the area, including job growth, increased residential real estate values, increased access to retail and food choices and improved quality of life.

The 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment in the City of Los Angeles while continuing the trend of impressive investment that this neighborhood has seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

5850 West Jefferson, in addition to its economic benefits, is consistent with and will support the neighborhood's desire to have increased public-access outdoor parks. This project, with its stunning public open space and walkable environment that so smoothly connect it to the nearby Expo Line, will support both alternate modes of transportation, and a healthy lifestyle, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In its entirety, 5850 West Jefferson is a great project that will support the local economy, the City's goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

Matthew Velkes

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am Alla Khaniashvili and represent the world of Art and Ballet. For over two decades I've been teaching ballet at the Samitaur Constructs Dance Studio on Hayden Avenue in Culver City, (3625 Hayden Ave, 90232). Samitaur Constructs has been very devoted to the arts and has been transforming Culver City with architecturally beautiful buildings.

I support the project at 5850 W Jefferson blvd in Los Angeles. I am sure this project will bring so much good to the community. Wether you will be driving by or walking through or have your business there, it will be joyfull and pleasant. I enjoy the work of Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects for years now. Look what they have done in Culver City! It's one of the hottest places to have a business in! The 5850 W Jefferson blvd. will be no different!

Once again, I strongly support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sergio Ibarra,

This letter is to express my strong support of Laurie Samitaur Smith's design for 5850 Jefferson Boulevard. This fabulous design by Samitaur Constructs holds both beauty and magnificence, that will serve and improve the city and community of Los Angeles, in all manner of appearance, recreation, and enterprise.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ali Razi



September 20, 2020

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA LA), we are writing to share our support for the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR. This project, designed by Eric Owen Moss Architects, is near the Expo Line stop at La Cienega and Jefferson and serves the community with a public park, open space, landscaping, and underground parking. The 22-story project will also promote greater transit and pedestrian connectivity, mobility, and will serve as a visual gateway connecting Los Angeles to the Hayden tract neighborhood in Culver City.

AIA LA promotes and supports projects and policies that seek to improve the quality of the built environment, and that contribute to the public's appreciation of design and planning excellence throughout the region. One of our thresholds to supporting individual projects is when we assess that the project is substantial in nature and has the pro-active opportunity to impact the City and/or Region as a whole. We also assess whether or not the project will contribute to the health, safety, and welfare of its community and will enhance the quality of life throughout the city.

AIA LA also supports projects that enhance the Los Angeles urban experience with a combination of any number of the following contributions: job creation, education, art / culture, idea incubation and innovation, healthy lifestyles / preventative care, housing for all (affordable, workforce, et al), philanthropy, local food production, renewable energy generation, ecosystem restoration, air filtration, urban stormwater mitigation, waste management, wavelength mitigation, carbon sequestration, elderly care/ child care/ mentorship, and/or will promote greater civic awareness.

Additionally, we support projects that contribute to the greater economic and environmental sustainability of the region, strengthen our transit infrastructure and



promote a diverse range of mobility options, and help to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and lowers regional greenhouse gas emissions with smart, resilient, urban infill development.

It is our strong assessment that the will help provide these regional and community benefits to Los Angeles.

Therefore, we strongly support the application of the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard and look forward to this project adding to the built environment of this unique, vibrant area of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Will Wright, AIA LA's Director of Government & Public Affairs for more information. He can be reached at will@aialosangeles.org or (213) 639-0764.

Very truly yours,

Greg Verabian, AIA 2020 President, AIA Los Angeles

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October 7, 2020

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are currently in pursuit of approval for a new construction project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard.

ABM Industry Groups has worked with Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects in conjunction with the (W)rapper Tower in Culver City. Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects have an extensive history in cultivating Culver City's structures and have had their roots in the area for over 35 years. They are not only innovative in designing award winning facilities, but their designs also drive new businesses to the area.

The 5850 West Jefferson project will enhance the existing streetscape and include approximately 51% open space including landscape, pedestrian walking paths, and seating. It will create new jobs and attract a variety of tenants.

Sincerely,

Eric Johnson Vice President, Enterprise Sales

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RE: Support Letter for 5850 West Jefferson

Dear L.A. City Planning Department and Council,

I write to fully endorse the proposal located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard by Eric Owen Moss and Samitaur Constructs. Eric is one of our city's most prominent architects. His projects underscore the importance of public space by identifying the needs of the community and by delivering proposals that are accessible to all. For the 5850 West Jefferson project, he can be counted on to create work that connects to its broader context and that will embody the thoughtful and positive change needed for urban growth in the city.

The project is intelligent, logical, and appropriate for the urban fabric, metro stop, and neighboring community that surrounds it. The need for increased density in zoning should reflect the desire to increase public transportation—crucial for this traffic-burdened city. My office is located at a neighboring metro station; many office workers use public transportation to get to and from work. Everyone appreciates the walkability of the area and its accessibility to myriad shops and restaurants.

This increase in density is a good urban practice and should be standard in Los Angeles. Cars take up valuable space that would better be used to extend the natural environment. Moss's strategy of burying the parking lot below grade creates a green space in the form of a large site-wide park. This will provide a valuable retreat for visitors, office workers, and residents to promote community engagement across socioeconomic strata. Eric recognizes this and succeeds in capturing the dynamism and complexity of the city in a proposal that will boost future growth while also changing the community in a very positive way.

Eric Owen Moss is a much-admired, extremely accomplished, and highly respected architect. His entire oeuvre has always had this kind of thoughtfulness in approach and consideration of multiple perspectives. It is key to his success. I have no doubt that the proposal at 5850 West Jefferson will reflect the same. In conclusions, I have no hesitations in recommending this critical project and its architect Eric Owen Moss. If the Department or Council has any questions regarding this endorsement or the proposal, please contact <a href="massist@morphosis.net">massist@morphosis.net</a>.

Sincerely,

Thom Mayne, FAIA Morphosis Architects

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October 11, 2020

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

#### Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I was a resident of Culver City for 17 years from 1990 to 2007 and now live only a stone's throw from Culver City and continue to be involved in the activities therein as I frequent the area regularly as it relates to my employment, personal relationships and entertainment.

Over the period of time that I lived in Culver City, I witnessed dramatic changes from what was a sleepy "tumbleweed" town in the early 90s to a vibrant, exciting, destination location for employers, employees and residents alike as well as those seeking the entertainment venue that the City has thoughtfully undertaken during its renaissance.

I mention this because the proposed project site of 5850 W. Jefferson, although located in the City of Los Angeles, is practically an extension of Culver City due to its immediate proximity to the Hayden Tract and that location's phenomenal growth as well as downtown Culver City and further continued expansion and growth along Washington Blvd. reaching east to La Cienega. The dramatic development of sites such as the Helms Bakery and the Platform, not to mention Samitaur Construct's dedication and fostering of a burgeoning media, entertainment and tech "micro city" in the Hayden Tract has continued to bring jobs and investment into the area.

The development of the Expo line has acted as a conduit for opening up further access to these communities and as ridership continues to increase, we should demand dramatic development of sites along this corridor, not unlike New York where the subway served to create an interconnected city. The proximity of the Expo line to the proposed project only serves to further suggest the need for the most dynamic and integrated development in the surrounding area.

The City of Los Angeles should welcome and piggy back off of Culver City's development all the while learning from and adapting their successes to help improve upon the La Cienega/Jefferson corridor so that it too can flourish in the best possible way to continue to make Los Angeles a destination location for employers the world over.

For the reasons I have mentioned, not the least of which includes the numerous jobs that will be created not only during the development of this project, but after completion - I am writing to you today to offer my wholehearted support for the development of a 22-story office tower at 5850 W. Jefferson, as I believe the City must continue to embrace future job growth and thoughtful development that will continue to transform this neighborhood into a more vibrant community and workplace.

Samitaur Constructs, in conjunction with the architects of Eric Owen Moss have already demonstrated what is possible with their development in the Hayden Tract, which includes office and restaurant uses, coupled with their currently under-construction Wrapper project, Tin Can (Nike) building, We Work offices and Sawtooth buildings, have cracked the secret to generating an environment that today's companies desire. They have been at the forefront of this revolution that many other developers have mimicked to create further successes. For this reason, it is most logical that they be

allowed to continue with this ground breaking tradition that has been so instrumental in the change and prosperity brought to this area of the City; with Samitaur at the helm we should expect progress for many years to come.

Undoubtedly, Samitaur Constructs will factor in the pedestrian corridor to the Expo line and the need for the project to feature outdoor pavilions and open space that are in demand by today's employers, which are in concert with the need for safety in today's Covid environment. You can expect their full attention to detail concerning surrounding aesthetics so as to compliment the adjacent progress made and serve to transform, yet embrace the community.

For these many reasons, I believe the project at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. represents a tremendous opportunity for this community and for the City. I strongly and respectfully urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Christopher Acimovic
Christopher Acimovic

October 14, 2020

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

We are writing this letter to express our truest and heartfelt support for the proposed building at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd., Los Angeles. This project would be only a continuation of the incredible legacy Samitaur has given to the city and the community. What we love so much about this particular construction is that it has public open space, with a tower and parking located on the ground, and this would only add to the beauty of the community and stand out as yet another jewel in Los Angeles.

Aesthetically, this project will improve the quality of the community and life for its tenants. The project's integration with the Expo Line light rail demonstrates the team's passion for developing around the transit system. These and many other reasons are why we support this incredible new project and hope that you will support it, as well.

We are familiar with the community, as 20 years ago, the Debbie Allen Dance Academy was housed in the center of the Samitaur complex on Hayden Ave. And it was beyond a joy to launch this now internationally-acclaimed studio right there. We have remained connected to the neighborhood and to Samitaur Constructs.

Thank you for your consideration.

-Norman Nixon and Debbie Allen

Debbie Allen

Founder and Artistic Director

Debbie Allen Dance Academy



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FAO Sergio Ibarra, City Planner

September 9, 2020

Dear Sirs,

Case Number Env-2019-4993-EAF: Construction of a 22-Story Commercial Building with 4 Levels of Subterranean Parking at 5870 Jefferson Blvd.

This is a letter of support for the project.

I am a previous resident of the area having lived at Village Green and in View Park to the south. I used to regularly cycle past the site and have known the area for a number of years.

This area needs regeneration and while some minor improvement of the existing industrial buildings on the site has superficially improved the broad environment, there remain large areas of concrete parking lot, low industrial buildings and a lack of green space. This site could be substantially better and this project provides this.

Specifically:

#### **Design Led Regeneration**

The proposed building is an architectural landmark bookend for Obama Blvd. I must declare an interest as I am familiar with the Architects, Client and their unique work throughout the Hayden Tract. They have revived a moribund industrial area to attract and house creative industries and been instrumental in helping regenerate Culver City. This project might be regarded as the natural progression of this.

#### **Density and Transparency**

The project concentrates usable area into the central area of the site and opens up space at ground level to the public. The decision to move the parking underground to free up public space, provide transparency of pedestrian movement through green space and provide views must be applauded.

### **Transit Oriented Development**

The projects' proximity to La Cienega Station is a key benefit in encouraging alternative means of travel. We must diversify transport uses in development if the city is not to become gridlocked and polluted.

It's difficult to think of a better or more appropriate building for the site, the quality of its architecture (the Architects and Client are responsible for the (W)rapper building to the north) is significant, as are its social and economic benefits.

Yours Sincerely,

Nick Antonio

By email and post

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September 06, 2020

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

By submitting this letter I would like to express my full support for the proposed development project at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. It will be so wonderful for Angelinos to see this arhitectural marvel magically appear along side Jefferson Blvd. Modern office tower, public open space, world class design will for sure improve quality of life for tenants and members of the community.

I have known Laurie Smith of Samitaur Constructs for more than 20 years. It is amazing to see how the area of Hayden Tract has been transformed by her company in collaboration with Eric Owen Moss architects! 5850 W. Jefferson Blvd. project is unique and will stand out as a jewel in Los Angeles.

My full support for the project, that will not only change the landscape of the area, but will change the face of Los Angeles too! The project at 5850 is an opportunity not to be missed by the City and should be approved. I respectfully hope it will be.

Sincerely,

Vitaly Artiushkin



October 5, 2020

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REF: 5850 W. Jefferson Blvd., Case No: CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR

Greetings Mr. Ibarra,

We are writing to you regarding our support of approving the above referenced project. Los Angeles is in dire need of such a brilliantly thought out development like this, especially in these uncertain times. The quality and thought of the layout by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects is fantastic with the forethought to incorporate paths nearby the Expo Line light rail for both pedestrians and cyclists to easily access it.

Our company has had the distinct pleasure of working with Samitaur Constructs over the last few years, we have complete and absolute faith that they, along with Moss Architects, will make this 22-story commercial office building a beautiful addition to this community.

This project would be a welcome and vital component in this area of Los Angeles since it would certainly bring in much needed jobs to this and the surrounding communities.

David and I would like to fully support and would like to recommend that this project be approved.

Best regards, David and Stephanie Bower Via: sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

# SCI\_ALC

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing this letter in support of the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project being proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects.

As the director of SCI-Arc, an Los Angeles, with global recognition as one of the best schools of architecture, the work of Eric Owen Moss Architects, has and is a constant inspiration and guide of what architecture is and should be.

The work developed over the years in Culver City, is a beacon of quality, city making, social engagement and economical growth. Is a case study all over the world about to innovate and re frame what city making is.

This project clearly is another extraordinary addition to the evolution of this process, recently this one of a kind phenomenon has being recognized by the prestigious "25 Year Award" from the national American Institute of Architects (AIA). Which speaks volumes of the impact that it has in the profession. But also form the cultural dimension point of view, it give us a sense of optimism and hope in times, that we are desperately need it.

As an Architect, Educator and Citizen, i offer my highest and stronger support for the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project.

Best regards.

Hernan Diaz Alonso

Hernan Diaz Alonso

Director

Pronouns: He / Him / His

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Yasil Navarro Executive Assistant/Administrative Coordinator

**From:** Jennifer Dunlop Fletcher <jdunlopfletcher@SFMOMA.org>

**Sent:** Friday, September 25, 2020 4:57 PM

**To:** sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

**Subject:** Letter of Support for 5850 West Jefferson

Dear Sergio Ibarra,

I write in support of the Eric Owen Moss Architects and Samitaur Developers proposal for public plaza and office tower designed for 5850 West Jefferson. In response to the new densification of residential and commercial development along the Expo Line, the concept for 5850 Jefferson emerges from the architecture-developer team who recently won the American Institute of Architects 25 Year Award for the impressive area they've built across Jefferson in Culver City. Los Angeles, perhaps even more than Chicago, is a city of international renown for 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century Architecture. The Moss-Samitaur team have successfully proven that thoughtful, imaginative architecture will create a sought-after creative hub and cultural destination. Together, their Culver City development has attracted Fortune 500 businesses as well as museum curators for its design, infusing the small city with financial stability and cultural notoriety, without displacing or even disrupting the surrounding residential neighborhoods. As they turn their creative attention and resources just across the Ballona Creek to Los Angeles' Baldwin Hills west commercial block, the pair envisions an architectural response to nearby new public transit thread—the Expo Line—that stitches the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area together.

Their proposal envisions a landmark office park for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The mid-block 5850 Jefferson proposal would provide a public green space surrounding an iconic circular tower. The architectural building will be immediately recognizable from the Expo Line to the North and the six-lane La Cienega corridor, transforming the river-facing, back-side block from a non-descript big box asphalt no-man's land to a commercial and cultural destination. With a sensitivity to walk-ability, bike-access and much needed public gathering spaces for workers and residents, while also bridging the Jefferson divide between Culver City and LA, the 5850 plan is the stimulus beacon enabling a larger transformative vision benefiting Los Angeles' Baldwin Hills. While nearby Village Green and its surrounding neighborhood is a historically significant architectural landmark of mid-century design, 5850 Jefferson would join the tracts at 5860, 5790 and 5792 as the mid-block pied piper drawing people through the campus of 21<sup>st</sup> century architectural monuments.

I commend your consideration of bringing contemporary architecture to this area. As a former resident of Baldwin Hills, and architecture curator, this architecturally overlooked area sitting between two of Southern California's most significant architectural gems—Village Green and Conjunctive Points—was a disjuncture. You have the opportunity to create an important cultural corridor between the Expo and Obama Boulevard, signally renewed investment in the area's future.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Dunlop Fletcher

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in the area, having transformed the nearby Hayden track over the last thirty years. Recently the firm received the prestigious "25 Year Award" from the national American Institute of Architects (AIA) for their work in the area. This project is another example of a smart, innovative and beautiful urban

I am writing this letter in support of the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project

being proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects. Their team has a proven track record of forward thinking architectural projects

development our city is so in need of. The project will be a great addition to the area, and will provide generous open space by placing parking below grade. The project takes advantage of the proximity to the Expo Line, thereby encouraging public transportation. As the city looks towards hosting the Olympics in 2028, it is exactly this kind of project that all Angelenos can point to proudly as exemplifying the best that Los Angeles has to offer.

As a practicing architect in Los Angeles for over thirty years, and as a citizen and small business owner in Culver City, I wholeheartedly offer my support for the 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. project.

Warm Regards,

Dear Mr. Ibarra.

John Enright, FAIA

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September 1, 2020

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am the division manager for City National Bank's real estate group headquartered here in Los Angeles. Laurie Smith ("Samitaur") has been a client of the Bank since 1973 and City National is proud to have successfully financed many real estate related loans for Samitaur over the years, not the least of which are the very high profile and successful Nike Building (adjacent the subject site), the Pterodactyl (which won prestigious architectural awards) and the Waffle (Verspertine restaurant).

On behalf of our client, I want to share my enthusiastic support for the proposed development located adjacent to the Nike building (aka Tin Can) at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard, Los Angeles. Over the years, the Smiths have been a peerless vanguard in the sweeping change that has transformed the immediate area with projects like the Wrapper, the Tin Can, the Sawtooth buildings and the rehabbed WeWork building, in addition to many others including those I mentioned previously. They have paved the way for others to piggyback on their success and foresight in the development of the Hayden Tract and surrounding areas. All the more reason that entitlements should be granted for their proposed new development which is expected to include a 22-story spectacularly designed office project with well-conceived and dramatic open space encompassing the surrounding areas. Like all of their projects, their thoughtful approach to pleasant surroundings, walkable access to transit corridors (Expo Line) and efficient design will be key components in making this a successful integrated project with the needs of the community and those working here.

To my mind, no other developer will bring the vision and commitment to this project which will collectively enhance the region and embrace the change it has seen because Samitaur has been an integral component through their dedication and personal investment in this neighborhood. Unlike many others, they seek lasting change and real impact. For them, this is an investment in the City's and everyone's future.

Furthermore this project will create significant jobs in construction and related industries and upon completion, will encourage the continued development of new businesses that have continued to transform this neighborhood. The immediate area has seen a benefit in "critical mass" where like-minded companies have enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with one another, and this project will continue to drive that progress forward.

Mr. Sergio Ibarra September 1, 2020 Page 2

Given all of the reasons described, particularly the continued need for growth and appropriate development in the City of Los Angeles, I offer my wholehearted support for this development and encourage the City to approve this project.

Sincerely,

Mark Forbes

**Executive Vice President** 

Mark J. Forbes

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September 17, 2020

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VIA EMAIL

**Re:** Support for 5850 West Jefferson

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing to express my support for the Eric Owen Moss project at 5850 West Jefferson.

I have known Eric for over forty years, and in that time, I have watched him develop his own unique language of architecture and urbanism. His work is transformational, surprising, and uplifting without pandering to anyone or anything. Culver City, for me, is such a clear example of Eric's talent and humanity. Here, in a part of town that had been dilapidated and disregarded for years, he slowly but surely created a very sophisticated assemblage of buildings and urban spaces that has truly transformed the city into a thriving creative hub.

The project at 5850 West Jefferson is a continuation of this work, improving an area that is in sore need of transformation. The design is generous, with the building occupying a small footprint in a large public park that would be accessible by locals and the working population. The project is very pedestrian friendly with paths and gathering spaces integrated into the landscape design. Cars are buried in a large underground lot, and the Metro nearby makes this a critical spot for thoughtful urban development. The project here, as with Eric's other work in Culver City, puts design at the center and makes the architecture a vital part of people's lives. The work is pragmatic and inventive all at once – something that every city should demand.

Best.

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From: Sergio Ibarra < sergio.ibarra@lacity.org> Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020, 10:55 PM

To: Tom Gilmore

Subject: Re: 5850 West Jefferson

Thank you Mr. Gilmore, your comment has been received.

On Mon, Sep 21, 2020 at 9:30 AM Tom Gilmore <tgilmore@gilmoredev.com> wrote:

Good morning Sergio,

I wanted to drop you a quick note about the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson. I know that you are in the middle of reviewing it and don't want to bother you, but wanted to express my enthusiastic support to this proposal. I'll send something more formal when you think the time is appropriate, but in the meantime, hope all is well and look forward to attending the next (virtual?) hearing.

Thanks and stay well,

Tom

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum) To whom it may concern:

My name is Jordan Kahn. I am the Chef/Owner of the 2-star Michelin restaurant, Vespertine, located in the Hayden Tract district of Culver City. I am writing this letter to express my full and enthusiastic support of the proposed project located at 5850 West Jefferson. This stunning project is yet another shining example of the incredible, transformative work that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are known for. I have been working very closely with Samitaur and EOMA since 2014, and I can assert, without a shadow of a doubt, their commitment, vision, execution, and quality are unparalleled.

I first met Laurie Smith and her late husband, Frederick Smith, in the private conference room of their office, situated in the building known as the "Stealth", on Hayden Ave. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more daunting environment in which to pitch a radical, new concept which converts a waffle-shaped tower of twisted steel and glass, into a world-class dining destination. Most developers would laugh you right out of the room. In fact, most developers wouldn't even entertain a meeting and would dismiss the idea outright. Frederick and Laure Smith were very different. They didn't ask questions about entitlements, construction costs, use permits, financing, or any other typical language you might expect from an experienced and very successful developer. Instead, they spoke of Picasso and Miró, Vagner, Don Quixote, and their favorite Michelin-starred restaurant in Marseille (I have since forgotten the name). The project Vespertine would not exist had it not been for the commitment, creativity, talent, thoughtfulness, and sheer determination of Samitaur and EOMA. I believe it to have been the most difficult restaurant construction build-out in history! No one else would have ever green-lit this project and certainly no one else would have been able to accomplish it. As a result of their courage, wisdom, and support, we were not only able to achieve our goal in successfully opening Vespertine, but also garnering the title of the #1 restaurant in Los Angeles by the LA Times, after just being open for 3 months. Our second year, we won the World Restaurant Award for Best Atmosphere in the world (the only restaurant in

North America to win an award that year). In our third year, we garnered 2 stars from the Michelin Guide in their inaugural Los Angeles release. The iconic structure which houses the restaurant Vespertine, is renowned as being one of the most exciting and extraordinary gastronomical destinations on the planet.

I believe I am uniquely qualified to speak of, not only the achievements of Samitaur and EOMA, but also on the process of working towards those achievements. Their discipline and professionalism is the most impressive I've ever encountered. Vespertine is only 3 years old, but my company is already looking to expand and continue to develop more projects and concepts in the future with EOMA and Samitaur.

The proposed Jefferson project includes a 22-story modern office tower with ample public open space surrounding the tower and parking located underground. However, this description hardly does justice to how unique and exceptional the project is. Those who are familiar with world class architectural design know that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are in a class of their own. Their award-winning work has been studied and written about at length and I expect this project to continue this trend. The renderings of 5850 Jefferson alone are stunning and preview a structure that is sure stand out as a jewel in Los Angeles. The success of such a unique structure will likely beget subsequent creative design and real estate investment here in the City.

Other key facets of the 5850 Jefferson project include commitments to walkability, public open space and integration with transit. The extensive and aesthetically pleasing open space included in the project will improve quality of life for tenants and community members alike. Additionally, the project's seamless integration (for both pedestrians and cyclists alike) with the nearby Expo Line light rail station exhibits its commitment to true transit oriented development.

For these many reasons, I believe the project at 5850 represents a tremendous opportunity for this community and for the City. I strongly and respectfully urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Jordan Kahn.

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September 06, 2020

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Reference: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am Alla Khaniashvili and represent the world of Art and Ballet. For over two decades I've been teaching ballet at the Samitaur Constructs Dance Studio on Hayden Avenue in Culver City, (3625 Hayden Ave, 90232). Samitaur Constructs has been very devoted to the arts and has been transforming Culver City with architecturally beautiful buildings.

I support the project at 5850 W Jefferson blvd in Los Angeles. I am sure this project will bring so much good to the community. Wether you will be driving by or walking through or have your business there, it will be joyfull and pleasant. I enjoy the work of Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects for years now. Look what they have done in Culver City! It's one of the hottest places to have a business in! The 5850 W Jefferson blvd. will be no different!

Once again, I strongly support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely.

Alla Khaniashvili



Reference: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-

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To: Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

My name is Elan Lee, and I'm the Co-Founder and CEO of Exploding Kittens. We make two of the three best selling tabletop games in the world and have been operating out of Los Angeles since our inception. We currently employ 50 people and maintain distribution warehouses in six countries worldwide. In 2009, I moved my company into one of Samitaur Constructs' buildings at Conjunctive Points, where I spent 3 years, and was continually impressed by how Samitaur's development efforts were completely changing the neighborhood for the better.

Even when we outgrew the space, I continued to reside in the same area (where I purchased a home) and witnessed how Samitaur's work brought great benefit to the community. Therefore, I look forward to seeing their work continue into its next phase, which will hopefully be the project at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. That building, which will enable further economic development for the whole area, will also provide extensive park-like grounds to be enjoyed by all.

Based on my years of personal experience with Samitaur's accomplishments, I highly recommend that you approve Samitaur Constructs' request to be able to proceed with this project.

Thank you,

Elan Lee

CEO, Exploding Kittens

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Mr. Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012 sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

31 August 2020

REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

My name is Steve Matt, and I am Chairman and CEO of MATT Construction. You may be familiar with some of the buildings we and our project partners have built around town. Among those we have constructed near your Downtown L.A. office are The Broad, The Colburn School of the Arts, and the new "Plaza for All," the exciting reinvention of the Music Center Plaza that complements Grand Avenue Park.

I write to you now to express my support of a new project that will further enhance the beauty and quality of life in Los Angeles, namely the development that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects envision for 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. The project includes a new 22-story commercial office building with a striking cutting-edge design, surrounded by a beautifully designed park which occupies 51% of the parcel, with paths and green space welcoming the public to use, enjoy or just pass through it. MATT Construction is currently building The (W)rapper, a unique building near 5850 West Jefferson, and we can attest to their commitment to quality construction of inspirational, iconic buildings in our city.

As you know, this formerly industrial area is beginning to blossom into a locus for creative architecture and thoughtful public spaces that will enrich the quality of life for Angelenos at work and at home. It offers new opportunities to reduce vehicular traffic, either as a local workplace for nearby residents or as a pleasant route connecting home to public transit—both crucial components of Mayor Garcetti's "Vision Zero" action plan, which seeks to reduce carbon emissions, traffic and traffic accidents.

By itself, the 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment within the City of Los Angeles as well as a source of well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries: both vital benefits in this

age of high unemployment and reduced tax revenue. More than this, it will be a symbol of renewed hope and revived aspiration for a city that has suffered the dual afflictions of pandemic and sudden economic decline. I have no doubt that this project will both reflect and invite the creative minds that Los Angeles is famous for, and will foster continued investment and steadily increasing property value.

In short, I believe that 5850 West Jefferson will enhance the community, advance the City's goals, help L.A.'s recovery, inspire public optimism, and support the local economy now and into the future. I urge you to approve the project proposed for 5850 West Jefferson.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven F. Matt Chairman and CEO

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Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 North Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA Letter sent as PDF via e-mail to sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

RE: Support Letter for 5850 West Jefferson

Dear L.A. City Planning Department and Council,

I write to fully endorse the proposal located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard by Eric Owen Moss and Samitaur Constructs. Eric is one of our city's most prominent architects. His projects underscore the importance of public space by identifying the needs of the community and by delivering proposals that are accessible to all. For the 5850 West Jefferson project, he can be counted on to create work that connects to its broader context and that will embody the thoughtful and positive change needed for urban growth in the city.

The project is intelligent, logical, and appropriate for the urban fabric, metro stop, and neighboring community that surrounds it. The need for increased density in zoning should reflect the desire to increase public transportation—crucial for this traffic-burdened city. My office is located at a neighboring metro station; many office workers use public transportation to get to and from work. Everyone appreciates the walkability of the area and its accessibility to myriad shops and restaurants.

This increase in density is a good urban practice and should be standard in Los Angeles. Cars take up valuable space that would better be used to extend the natural environment. Moss's strategy of burying the parking lot below grade creates a green space in the form of a large site-wide park. This will provide a valuable retreat for visitors, office workers, and residents to promote community engagement across socioeconomic strata. Eric recognizes this and succeeds in capturing the dynamism and complexity of the city in a proposal that will boost future growth while also changing the community in a very positive way.

Eric Owen Moss is a much-admired, extremely accomplished, and highly respected architect. His entire oeuvre has always had this kind of thoughtfulness in approach and consideration of multiple perspectives. It is key to his success. I have no doubt that the proposal at 5850 West Jefferson will reflect the same. In conclusions, I have no hesitations in recommending this critical project and its architect Eric Owen Moss. If the Department or Council has any questions regarding this endorsement or the proposal, please contact the transmission of the proposal in the propo

Sincerely,

Thom Mayne, FAIA Morphosis Architects

## **BURO HAPPOLD**

Sergio Ibarra, City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012 sergio.ibarra@lacity.org

RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

Buro Happold is an international consultancy of engineers, consultants and advisers operating in 24 locations worldwide with over 1,900 employees. For over 40 years, we have built a world-class reputation for delivering creative, value led solutions for an ever-challenging world. Our Los Angeles office comprises 65 employees and a portfolio of over 150 projects in the LA metro area. As our anchor office on the West Coast, Buro Happold Los Angeles offers innovative integrated engineering and consultancy services to the city's world-renowned design community.

This letter is to confirm Buro Happold's support of the following project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard to be presented in the first entitlement hearing on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

- The project contains 344,947 square feet of office in 22 stories.
- Building massing is centralized on the site to provide open space, circulation routes, and pedestrian areas around the perimeter of the site.
- Proximity to the Expo line and new pedestrian pathways across the Project Site promotes both pedestrian and transit connectivity in the neighborhood.
- Enhances the existing streetscape and pedestrian environment by providing parking in four subterranean levels rather than an above-grade parking podium.
- Approximately 51 percent of the Project Site will be open space, in the form of extensive landscaping, seating and gathering areas, and pedestrian paths that result in approximately 66,100 square feet of park-like space surrounding the building.

We are thrilled to be providing innovative engineering services for the project, yet another example of iconic, world-class architectural design in our city. Owner Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects have a 35-year history working together in this community and are committed to its continued success and vibrancy.

Sincerely,

Chris McClean Partner

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Blvd

Case No. CPC-2010-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI

CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR

#### Dear Mr Ibarra:

I am writing in support of the above referenced project located at 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. I am a proud lifelong Angeleno and brother to Laurie Samitaur Smith, the owner of Samitaur Constructs. By profession, I am in the finance world, serving as a Managing Director at Wells Fargo Advisors.

Over the past 35 years, I have had a front row seat to the fabulous growth and evolution of Samitaur Constructs. It always amazes me how each project they undertake builds on the last, yet is completely unique on its own. Over the years Samitaur has become well known and recognized by their peers within the fields of architecture and construction for cutting edge design and flawless execution. Each new project they undertake is an intriguing culmination of all of their past experience and knowledge, and a representation of the rigor with which they approach everything they do.

I am certain 5850 West Jefferson will be no exception. I believe this project will be a great asset to our community at this point in time, and that it is very much poised for success in three key areas:

- 1. This project will attract and provide good paying employment in a diverse set of fields. It is well established that Samitaur's unique and dynamic value proposition puts it in a class of its own. The result is a very high level of satisfaction among its tenants. Businesses that lease from Samitaur tend to be growth oriented and they create powerful synchronicities among themselves and their surroundings. This directly translates into increased economic activity and higher tax revenues.
- 2. The project will be an attractive addition to an otherwise under-utilized part of our City. The evocative and novel design of the proposed structure, coupled with the

- vast amount of open space, will in my opinion act as a springboard for the neighborhood to further develop in a positive direction. The seamless interface with nearby rail transportation will be a boon to the community at large.
- 3. With work-from-home arrangements on the rise due to the coronavirus pandemic, the negative impact to commercial office space is likely to be significant. Because of this, advancing projects like 5850 West Jefferson is more important than ever to our City. Positioned to offer tenants features and benefits they cannot get elsewhere, this project promises to be well insulated from future downturns.

I urge the Planning Commission to approve this project which will undoubtedly be an impressive and meaningful asset to the City and our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judson Mock

Sincerely,

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear City Planner Ibarra,

We hope this letter finds you well and thank you for considering this letter for records. My name is Hooman Nastarin, and I am the President and Co-Founder of Nast Enterprises Corp., an award-winning structural engineering firm. I am reaching out in order to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. Since late 1980's our firm has been teaming up with Eric Owen Moss Architects and Samitaur Constructs in renovating the surrounding southern California communities thru meaningful transformation. I have witnessed the highest extent of attention to excellence, care and public service by Eric Owen Moss and Samitaur Construct teams. As an active member of the Structural Engineering Association of Southern California (SEASC), they have helped and encouraged us successfully promote Excellence in Structural Engineering in many of our collaborations, promoting world renowned structures thru Excellent Architecture and Construction.

This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and brilliantly designed park space around the exterior, will usher considerably positive development for this part of the City, consistent with the recent progress in the resent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

5850 Jefferson, provides substantial step toward the environmental goals of the City by providing the stunning public open space and walkable environment that so effortlessly connect it to the nearby Expo Line Station, will support alternate modes of transportation and a healthy lifestyle while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Further, the 5850 Jefferson project represents a significant investment into the City of Los Angeles, during a time when economic development and job creation should be at the forefront of everyone's minds. Given the historic pandemic that has brought so much economic turmoil to the city, a project of this scale and quality will create well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries while continuing the trend of impressive investment this neighborhood has

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seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

In its entirety, 5850 Jefferson is an excellent development that will support the local environmental and social-economical city goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Please don't hesitate to contact us at (310) 268 – 9419.

Sincerely,

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Re: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard

Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am writing to submit my wholehearted support for the project at 5850 Jefferson Blvd. This 22-story building surrounded by a public green space, a project of Samitaur Construct and Eric Owen Moss Architects, will make a major difference in the economy and quality of life in the area. Their buildings attract the kind of technology and creative enterprises that have made Los Angeles such an exciting city. This is a significant investment that will encourage similarly thoughtful developments.

Over the years, I took friends and visitors to admire the street view of the exciting buildings created by this team, without knowing too much about them myself. Recently, I had the good fortune to be part of a private group tour. It was then that I truly appreciated the extent of their vision and commitment to enhancing our lives. Their buildings have maintained their magic while many others end up looking dated after just a few years. Buildings by this team are works of art that pass the test of time.

The project at 5850 Jefferson Blvd will put the Expo Line and the bike paths to good use. It gives the area a large green space which is so lacking. My interest is very personal. For our son and his wife buying a house near the Expo Line to avoid freeway traffic meant having little public space for a stroll or play with their toddler. This project gives his and other families a beautifully designed green space as a destination on foot or on their bikes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my enthusiastic support for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Mahnaz Newman

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Mr. Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Vienna, September 29, 2020

Dear Sir,

the development of Culver City especially the architecture of Eric Owen Moss with its outstanding urban planning quality, I have been following for decades. In my position as CEO and artistic director of MAK (Museum of Applied Arts / Contemporary Art) Vienna and Los Angeles I have repeatedly invited the architect to held lectures, workshops and make interventions on site.

In 2010 Eric Owen Moss was appointed commissioner and curator of the Austrian Pavilion at the Architecture Biennale in Venice / Italy. There, too, he succeeded impressively representing the spirit of LA / Culver City. Eric Owen Moss is open to extreme innovative concepts and is aware like few other architects of the intensive discourse in the development of architecture and exemplary urban planning.

Already in 2000 I published the book "Visionary Clients For New Architecture", Prestel Publishers Munich, London, New York. Besides Thomas Krens and Frank O. Gehry, Frederick and Laurie Samitaur Smith and their pioneering urban planning concept in collaboration with Eric Moss was comprehensively presented.



The project **5850 West Jefferson** is in many respects an outstanding design that creates a generous space for the public beyond the actual construction task. This project contains all the qualification to become a new landmark in the area of the newly created Metro/Expo Line.

With my experience in the field of architecture and my whole heart I would like to support this project.

The best,

(Peter Noever)

Loni Peristere
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September 14, 2020

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Sergio,

I am submitting this letter in support of the development project at 5850 W Jefferson Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles. The project, proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects, will be located across the river from Zoic Studios back porch on Eastham Drive. As a fan of "The Wrapper", whose construction I've witnessed over the last year, I am beyond thrilled to see the potential in this second concept for our internationally unique and thriving neighborhood.

Zoic Studios is one of the leading providers of visual effects and animation in the world. Our brand, visual evolution, is a commitment to a partnership for life in evolving the art of storytelling and technology. I first met Laurie and Frederick some 18 years ago when we opened in Culver City. We met at a planning meeting discussing the growth potential of the Conjunctive Points. I was inspired by their joint vision of commerce and art. In its simplest form, by elevating the region through creativity and technology in design, commerce would follow. Zoic studios has witnessed this transformation firsthand and I am a fan.

Even on a small scale, we have witnessed Jordan Kahn and Eric build an internationally acclaimed restaurant by merging art, architecture, sound, and the culinary arts. Vespertine is the model.

Samitaur's vison transcends economic philosophy and has generated a realistic prototype for new theory, which is nothing less than historic.

Zoic Studios and I support and applaud their continued vision and look forward to seeing this next project and many others for years to come continue to put our city on the bleeding edge of the future of commerce and design.

Sincerely,

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Support Letter for 5850 West Jefferson

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September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

As an internationally practicing architect who has also built in the US, so also in Los Angeles, it is a concern of mine to highly support the 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard project proposed by Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects.

First and foremost, the current proposal could become an international example of inventive city planning in many ways: The development suggests a high-rise office building that facilitates every imaginable sort of group and looks for new ways and new types of spaces for people to work. It considers architecture as a subject that is not fixed but is always moving and a subject to change. And it is willing to risk suggesting what those changes might be.

Being situated in an underdeveloped area of Los Angeles, the new building could give new meaning and life to this site, where little new construction has taken place for many years. There is already a substantial digital community officing in the area, and the anticipation is that the new project will compliment that existing community.

High-rise buildings are important archetypes in architecture and therefore also in city planning. A high rise is a symbol of uprightness, power and a clear view. The importance of this project exceeds by far its pure function, it is a sign of optimism, which is so needed in times like these.

Furthermore, adjoining the new Expo Line stop at La Cienega and Jefferson, and being located a mile East of the following stop at Robertson and Venice, the project is Metro Line based with an emphasis on pedestrian and bike traffic.



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Providing public amenities like parks and restaurants is a priority of the proposal. The site itself will become a large public park, occupying seventy percent of the site for a variety of landscapes, hardscapes and rolling softscapes, group and individual gathering spaces, and walking opportunities.

The area Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss propose to build is allowed by right. They do not request the city to add any extra for the project. The only request is additional height.

All parking is below grade, and the proposed building will sit on a small foot print within the park. It takes on only one third of the site.

This highly progressive project will confirm the reputation of Los Angeles as an inventive city for architecture. It will stand out as a new model for high rises and city planning.

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No,, CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Sergio Ibarra,

This letter is to express my strong support of Laurie Samitaur Smith's design for 5850 Jefferson Boulevard. This fabulous design by Samitaur Constructs holds both beauty and magnificence, that will serve and improve the city and community of Los Angeles, in all manner of appearance, recreation, and enterprise.

Sincerely,

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September 24, 2020

Mr. Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I am writing in support of the proposed building at 5850 West Jefferson, in Culver City. I am the Dean of the School of Arts & Architecture at UCLA. The school includes two separate buildings near this project, in Culver City, where our faculty and graduate students work in the Departments of Architecture & Urban Design, on Lenawee Street at our Ideas Campus, as well as the Department of Art, located in the Hayden Tract in Culver City in an award-winning new building we opened last September 2019 where we operate the top-ranked Graduate MFA program in the United States.

The proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson will make an important and much-needed contribution to Culver City and a vital part of Los Angeles, in a place where too little new construction has been realized. The area in which it is located has suffered from little new development or improvement, and this project addresses that in dramatic, important ways. The proposed design by Eric Owen Moss Architects addresses the area and city wonderfully, and does so with the kind of imagination and public generosity that is a hallmark of their work with Samitaur Constructs. Together their buildings have become an essential part of Culver City, and this project builds upon their many years of success, in new and exciting ways.

This is a tall building designed to challenge some of the key, negative, aspects of tall buildings. It has a remarkably small footprint for a building of this size, and – importantly – proposes a ground level that includes a generous and accessible public park and landscape – something much needed in the vicinity of West Jefferson. The design also acknowledges another major innovation of the proposal: a reduction of normal vehicular traffic associated with large buildings, in Los Angeles especially, with expected pedestrian and bike traffic, owing to the location of the project, adjacent to the Metro/Expo Line. The proposed ground level especially, made possible with parking below ground, creates a variety of locally-appropriate landscapes, gathering spaces, and walking opportunities.

The project's proximity to both the Metro Line and the LA River make this a landmark proposal, for the ways in which it imagines a more sustainable, generous, public presence. The design of the tall building challenges the anonymous and generic qualities of most projects of this size, through a commitment to making a highly-individual, unique, and one-off contribution to the area. I cannot recommend it enough, for the ways in which it both reinforces many of the quality design aspects the architects have demonstrated for many years in their local commitment to Culver City and its surroundings, but as well, for its imaginative look towards a Los Angeles future.

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Fowler Museum Hammer Museum I recommend the project without hesitation, and look forward to the contribution it will make to not only the immediate neighborhood, but as well, to the entire city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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Re: 5850 West Jefferson Bl. Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CP10A-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA NO. ENV-2008-478-EIR addendum.

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

This letter is to support the proposed development at 5850 W Jefferson BL. In Los Angeles. As the President of Budgetel Communications Inc. Who has been doing business with Samitaur Constructs for over 25 years as well as a lifetime resident of Culver City which butts up to the proposed project, I have witnessed what the team of Samitaur Constructs and Architect Eric Moss can do. The east end of Culver City and the adjacent proposed site located in Los Angeles, had been a neglected industrial area. In the past 30 years, the team has taken this dreary area and turned it into a vibrant, esthetically pleasing office park that attracts high end tech and entertainment companies as well as other related business. They have effectively extended "Silicon Beach" from the beach to this, what used to be a bland business park. I can only believe that with their track record, the area will continue to be a benefit to business and residents alike.

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REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478- EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am reaching out in order to express my strong support for the development project located at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. This project, which includes a 22-story commercial office tower and beautifully designed park space around the exterior, will continue the positive transformation of this part of the City, which has seen so much change in recent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

I have been a tenant in the developer's Hayden Tract development for almost twenty years and can attest to the positive impact that this development has had on Culver City. It has had a transformative impact on the area, including job growth, increased residential real estate values, increased access to retail and food choices and improved quality of life.

The 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment in the City of Los Angeles while continuing the trend of impressive investment that this neighborhood has seen in recent years. Following completion, this project will also support cutting-edge companies seeking to locate and invest in our city.

5850 West Jefferson, in addition to its economic benefits, is consistent with and will support the neighborhood's desire to have increased public-access outdoor parks. This project, with its stunning public open space and walkable environment that so smoothly connect it to the nearby Expo Line, will support both alternate modes of transportation, and a healthy lifestyle, while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In its entirety, 5850 West Jefferson is a great project that will support the local economy, the City's goals, and most importantly, the community. I am proud to support the project and I do hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ibarra,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA LA), we are writing to share our support for the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR. This project, designed by Eric Owen Moss Architects, is near the Expo Line stop at La Cienega and Jefferson and serves the community with a public park, open space, landscaping, and underground parking. The 22-story project will also promote greater transit and pedestrian connectivity, mobility, and will serve as a visual gateway connecting Los Angeles to the Hayden tract neighborhood in Culver City.

AIA LA promotes and supports projects and policies that seek to improve the quality of the built environment, and that contribute to the public's appreciation of design and planning excellence throughout the region. One of our thresholds to supporting individual projects is when we assess that the project is substantial in nature and has the pro-active opportunity to impact the City and/or Region as a whole. We also assess whether or not the project will contribute to the health, safety, and welfare of its community and will enhance the quality of life throughout the city.

AIA LA also supports projects that enhance the Los Angeles urban experience with a combination of any number of the following contributions: job creation, education, art / culture, idea incubation and innovation, healthy lifestyles / preventative care, housing for all (affordable, workforce, et al), philanthropy, local food production, renewable energy generation, ecosystem restoration, air filtration, urban stormwater mitigation, waste management, wavelength mitigation, carbon sequestration, elderly care/ child care/ mentorship, and/or will promote greater civic awareness.

Additionally, we support projects that contribute to the greater economic and environmental sustainability of the region, strengthen our transit infrastructure and

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promote a diverse range of mobility options, and help to reduce vehicle miles travelled (VMT) and lowers regional greenhouse gas emissions with smart, resilient, urban infill development.

It is our strong assessment that the will help provide these regional and community benefits to Los Angeles.

Therefore, we strongly support the application of the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard and look forward to this project adding to the built environment of this unique, vibrant area of Los Angeles.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Will Wright, AIA LA's Director of Government & Public Affairs for more information. He can be reached at <a href="will@aialosangeles.org">will@aialosangeles.org</a> or (213) 639-0764.

Very truly yours,

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope that this letter finds you and loved ones well.

This year has been the toughest year that many of us have had to endure and good news are hard to come and very much welcome. When I was informed about the development project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles I felt compelled to write to you and express my support for this VERY needed development project.

I have been in my industry for over 20 years and I have direct knowledge of the kind of work that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Moss have done. Their footprint in the community is vast and the direct improvement to the city that results from their developments is hard to find anywhere else.

When I look at the proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard, I see a better city, an improvement to the community and a place that will make everyone in the area happy. This project is GOOD NEWS.

Considering that 51% of the project site will be open space, it will be a welcoming site.

Our economy also needs this type of development. This project will create well-paying jobs not just in construction but many other trades that are currently in need.

I am proud and happy to support this project and I hope that it is approved.

Sincerely,

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I wanted to take a moment to send you this letter of support for the proposed 22-story commercial tower project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. The project represents yet another major step forward in developing this region's vibrant commercial community and serves as a significant milestone in further solidifying this area of the city as a center of cultural design and architecture, adding to the many iconic buildings already built or are under construction.

Just as important, the project represents a resounding statement of optimism and excitement about the economic and cultural future of the region. If approved to move forward, the project demonstrates a serious investment in the community and a willingness to plan for economic expansion through leading-edge design by attracting top tier commercial investors either directly as part of the project or in the surrounding area. An important project of this size elevates the entire local business community, both during construction and long afterwards.

The teams at Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are proven leaders in the development and design world, and this project design will undoubtedly be another amazing success story in a long line of accomplishments.

I proudly support this project, and strongly urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

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RE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of support for proposed project at 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard in Los Angeles. The project, comprised of a 22-story commercial tower surrounded by extensive landscaped open space, will greatly enhance this part of the city which has continued to evolve in recent years following the opening of the Expo Line.

The teams at Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects are visionaries in their fields, and this project design will add to the forward vision of the city planning. Without a doubt, they will develop another architecturally significant project for the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, if approved, the project will expand on their commitment to advancing the quality of life for residents of central Los Angeles and encourage further economic investment and job creation in the area.

We are proud to support the project, and strongly urge that it be approved.

Sincerely,

Nabih Youssef

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Mr. Sergio Ibarra City Planner 200 N. Spring Street, Room 721 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Vienna, September 29, 2020

Dear Sir,

the development of Culver City especially the architecture of Eric Owen Moss with its outstanding urban planning quality, I have been following for decades. In my position as CEO and artistic director of MAK (Museum of Applied Arts / Contemporary Art) Vienna and Los Angeles I have repeatedly invited the architect to held lectures, workshops and make interventions on site.

In 2010 Eric Owen Moss was appointed commissioner and curator of the Austrian Pavilion at the Architecture Biennale in Venice / Italy. There, too, he succeeded impressively representing the spirit of LA / Culver City. Eric Owen Moss is open to extreme innovative concepts and is aware like few other architects of the intensive discourse in the development of architecture and exemplary urban planning.

Already in 2000 I published the book "Visionary Clients For New Architecture", Prestel Publishers Munich, London, New York. Besides Thomas Krens and Frank O. Gehry, Frederick and Laurie Samitaur Smith and their pioneering urban planning concept in collaboration with Eric Moss was comprehensively presented.



The project **5850 West Jefferson** is in many respects an outstanding design that creates a generous space for the public beyond the actual construction task. This project contains all the qualification to become a new landmark in the area of the newly created Metro/Expo Line.

With my experience in the field of architecture and my whole heart I would like to support this project.

The best,

(Peter Noever)



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31 August 2020

REFERENCE: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard; Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI; CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

My name is Steve Matt, and I am Chairman and CEO of MATT Construction. You may be familiar with some of the buildings we and our project partners have built around town. Among those we have constructed near your Downtown L.A. office are The Broad, The Colburn School of the Arts, and the new "Plaza for All," the exciting reinvention of the Music Center Plaza that complements Grand Avenue Park.

I write to you now to express my support of a new project that will further enhance the beauty and quality of life in Los Angeles, namely the development that Samitaur Constructs and Eric Owen Moss Architects envision for 5850 West Jefferson Blvd. The project includes a new 22-story commercial office building with a striking cutting-edge design, surrounded by a beautifully designed park which occupies 51% of the parcel, with paths and green space welcoming the public to use, enjoy or just pass through it. MATT Construction is currently building The (W)rapper, a unique building near 5850 West Jefferson, and we can attest to their commitment to quality construction of inspirational, iconic buildings in our city.

As you know, this formerly industrial area is beginning to blossom into a locus for creative architecture and thoughtful public spaces that will enrich the quality of life for Angelenos at work and at home. It offers new opportunities to reduce vehicular traffic, either as a local workplace for nearby residents or as a pleasant route connecting home to public transit—both crucial components of Mayor Garcetti's "Vision Zero" action plan, which seeks to reduce carbon emissions, traffic and traffic accidents.

By itself, the 5850 West Jefferson project represents a significant investment within the City of Los Angeles as well as a source of well-paying jobs in construction and numerous other related industries: both vital benefits in this

age of high unemployment and reduced tax revenue. More than this, it will be a symbol of renewed hope and revived aspiration for a city that has suffered the dual afflictions of pandemic and sudden economic decline. I have no doubt that this project will both reflect and invite the creative minds that Los Angeles is famous for, and will foster continued investment and steadily increasing property value.

In short, I believe that 5850 West Jefferson will enhance the community, advance the City's goals, help L.A.'s recovery, inspire public optimism, and support the local economy now and into the future. I urge you to approve the project proposed for 5850 West Jefferson.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven F. Matt Chairman and CEO

**MATT Construction Corporation** 

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October 7, 2020

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Re: 5850 West Jefferson Boulevard Case No. CPC-2019-4992-CPIOA-ZAD-SPR-WDI CEQA No. ENV-2008-478-EIR (Addendum)

Dear Mr. Ibarra:

I am writing to submit my wholehearted support for the project at 5850 Jefferson Blvd. This 22-story building surrounded by a public green space, a project of Samitaur Construct and Eric Owen Moss Architects, will make a major difference in the economy and quality of life in the area. Their buildings attract the kind of technology and creative enterprises that have made Los Angeles such an exciting city. This is a significant investment that will encourage similarly thoughtful developments.

Over the years, I took friends and visitors to admire the street view of the exciting buildings created by this team, without knowing too much about them myself. Recently, I had the good fortune to be part of a private group tour. It was then that I truly appreciated the extent of their vision and commitment to enhancing our lives. Their buildings have maintained their magic while many others end up looking dated after just a few years. Buildings by this team are works of art that pass the test of time.

The project at 5850 Jefferson Blvd will put the Expo Line and the bike paths to good use. It gives the area a large green space which is so lacking. My interest is very personal. For our son and his wife buying a house near the Expo Line to avoid freeway traffic meant having little public space for a stroll or play with their toddler. This project gives his and other families a beautifully designed green space as a destination on foot or on their bikes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my enthusiastic support for this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard Professional Volunteer Program Comments and Applicant Responses May 20, 2020

The Professional Volunteer Program (PVP) is an advisory design review group that reviews the urban design of major pending projects in the City of Los Angeles. They have provided comments for the proposed project at 5850 W. Jefferson Boulevard below in bold quoted text. Each PVP comment is followed by a response from the applicant.

**PVP Comment:** "Rethink the pedestrian connection when someone arrives to the site from the Expo Line (northeast). Currently the conceptual circulation diagram indicates a proposed pedestrian crossing near the Jefferson Boulevard. Is there an opportunity to create a pedestrian connection via a welcoming plaza located where currently the loading zone is? Can the loading zone be relocated to the east side of the site?"

Pedestrians coming to the Project site from the Expo Line will have two options: (1) Jefferson Boulevard and (2) a new pedestrian connection through the adjacent property to the northeast of the Project site. The site to the northeast is under the same ownership as the 5850 Jefferson site and includes a pedestrian pathway midblock that avoids the narrow sidewalks and vehicle traffic along Jefferson Boulevard.

This pathway will provide a welcoming plaza and enters the site from the pedestrian/bike path that runs east-west between the elevated Expo Line tracks and the (W)rapper site. See Figure 2. Trees, landscaping, and benches will lead pedestrians toward the garden and entrance to the Project site.

A line of trees leads pedestrians southward along a paved walkway that passes by a series of award-winning architectural landmarks that have been constructed by the Applicant working with the same Architect, Eric Owen Moss Architects. Stone pavers are intermixed with grass paver blocks to provide inviting areas of landscaping along the path. Benches are located along the tree-lined walkway and frame grass mounds that appear throughout the Applicant's projects as a unifying landscape characteristic in the neighborhood. The tree-covered benches provide shaded areas for rest and small gatherings for both the inhabitants of the surrounding office buildings and the passersby coming from the LA Metro station. Pedestrians are provided two options as they approach the Project site from the north: continue along the tree-lined walk (Figure 3 below), or follow an alternate passage covered by the Samitaur Building, an iconic award-winning building (including the AlA|LA Decade Award bestowed upon the Applicant and Architect in 2006) lifted in the air over the pedestrian walkway. See Figure 4.

The decorative paving and grass paver blocks will extend onto the northern portion of the Project site. This area, which includes the North Private Driveway, will only be used for limited vehicular access such as occasional loading and emergency vehicle access. The North Private Driveway will primarily serve as a pedestrian thoroughfare and a continuation of the tree-lined walkway to access the entry plaza of the proposed Project.

The South Private Driveway is the primary vehicular zone and is exclusively reserved for parking garage access. On-site automobile queuing is maximized by locating the ramp to the below-grade parking structure at the southeast corner of the garage, thereby avoiding any potential queuing issues. Moving the loading dock to the southern area of the Project site would create traffic congestion during loading, reduce automobile queuing space, and make the garage layout less efficient, and is therefore not recommended.

The Project site is located within Conjunctive Points, an on-going redevelopment effort shared between the Applicant and Eric Owen Moss Architects. This work began in the mid 1980's in an area of South Central Los

Angeles and Culver City consisting of industrial and warehouse buildings that had been abandoned as industry moved abroad. The once vital manufacturing area was in serious decline as property values plummeted and crime rates increased.

The Applicant team set out to develop a strategy to reconstitute the former industrial zone, utilizing its built assets, eliminating its social and economic liabilities, and imagining a constructive concept for a new model of urban revitalization. One building at a time, warehouses were transformed into venues for a wide range of creative enterprise.

Viewed individually, these buildings represent a wide array of architectural and technical achievement that have been discussed, published, awarded, and studied around the world. More important is the collective value of these architectural master works as a progenitor of radical urban transformation. Conjunctive Points has set a bold contemporary standard for job creation in an area touched twice by Los Angeles riots. Currently, it is estimated that over 15,000 workers are employed in an area that 35 years ago was empty of purpose.

The unprecedented redevelopment effort has made Conjunctive Points a model for re-thinking cities for City officials, planners, developers, architects, residents, and creative office users around the globe. It continues to be a subject for study in municipalities around the world, and regularly hosts tours for government officials, policy-makers, urban planners, and architects.

New York Times Architecture Critic Herbert Muschamp wrote that "Moss's projects strike me as such a form of education. The knowing spontaneity of his forms, the hands-on approach implicit in their strong, sculptural contours, the relationship they describe between a city's vitality and creative potential of its individuals: these coalesce into tangible lessons about how a city should face its future."

The proposed Project will continue the Applicant's legacy in the neighborhood that includes over 75 design awards from the American Institute of Architects, the American Planning Association, the Los Angeles Business Council, the American Architecture Awards, Progressive Architecture Awards, and many other international award programs. See Figure 1.



Figure 1 Clockwise from upper left: 3457 La Cienega (Samitaur), 3520 Hayden (Samitaur Tower), 3542 Hayden (Umbrella), 3555 Hayden, 3535 Hayden, 3528 Hayden (Stealth), 8522 National, 3540 Hayden (Pterodactyl)



Intersection at Jefferson Boulevard and National Boulevard

To Culver City Expo Line Station National Boulevard Expo Line 5790 Jefferson (W)rapper To La Cienga/Jefferson Expo Line Station 5792 Jefferson 5764 Primary Automobile Access

Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathways

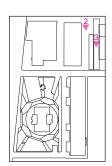
Figure 2 Site Circulation Plan



Figure 3 Pedestrian Pathway - Open Air



Figure 4 Pedestrian Pathway - Covered



**PVP Comment:** "Similarly consider the pedestrian experience as you cross Corbett Street where it meets Jefferson Boulevard -where pedestrian crossings are usually located-. Consider creating a direct pedestrian path of travel/focal point plaza closer to pedestrian crossing points."

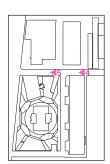
The northern portion of the Project site will provide limited automobile access and be used primarily for pedestrians. Most automobile traffic to the Project site will be directed to its South Private Driveway, and automobile access at the North Private Driveway will be limited to occasional loading and service vehicles. Pedestrian-scaled paving and landscaping will be provided on the North Private Driveway to visually link this area with other pedestrian-oriented areas on the site. See Figures 5-6.



Figure 5 Pedestrian Pathway - Walking Westward on North Private Driveway



Figure 6 Pedestrian Pathway - Walking Westward on North Private Driveway



**PVP Comment:** "Please indicate the programming of the exterior open spaces with more details. The berms and the variety of open spaces create a perfect opportunity for shaded sitting areas with tables for lunch etc."

Given the decision to place four levels of parking underground, the Project site is able to create approximately 66,100 square feet of park-like space. See Figures 7-10. Entry plazas are located along all four sides of the site. These plazas are surrounded by large landscaped mounds and are lined with benches and multi-purpose areas that can be used for passive recreation, eating, gatherings, presentations, outdoor meetings, etc. Perimeter areas of the site are lined with trees and shaded benches. Central areas of the site alternate pleasantly between sunny and shaded over the course of the day as the sun moves across the site.



Figure 7 Welcoming Plaza (approximately 12,000 square feet) with Seating



Figure 8 Hardscape Patios for Outdoor Gatherings and Events

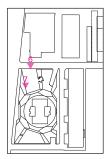
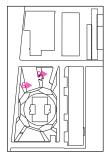




Figure 9 Four entry plazas provide pedestrian seating and are surrounded by large gardens and tree-lined walkways



Figure 10 On the left, landscaped terraces provide areas for outdoor presentations and gatherings. On the right, small meeting areas are carved out of the landscape to provide semi-private areas for work or gathering.



As a related example created by the Applicant and the same Architect, the garden at Vespertine restaurant (3599 Hayden Avenue, Culver City) shares a similar approach: Landscaping is used to create a series of clearly defined pedestrian spaces for gathering. The surrounding buildings protect the landscaping from adjacent traffic noise and provide a mixture of shade and sunlight as the sun passes by the buildings over the course of the day. This space is used by the Vespertine restaurant in the evenings, but during the morning and afternoon it becomes a park-like space utilized by pedestrians visiting and working in the area. See Figures 11-12.







Figure 11
The same Applicant and Architect created the garden at Vespertine in 2017





Figure 12 The same Applicant and Architect created the garden at Vespertine in 2017

# **PVP Comment:** "Focus on sustainability and green features to increase opportunities to capture stormwater, promote habitat and lower energy demand."

Stormwater collection is planned on the eastern perimeter of the site, to be filtered and re-circulated for irrigation. Extensive landscaping across the site will reduce heat gain and solar reflectance on the ground surface. Perimeter portions of the Project's ground floor are covered with green roofs that insulate the building and reduce heat gain. Abundant glazing provides natural daylighting to reduce daytime energy usage. See Figure 13.

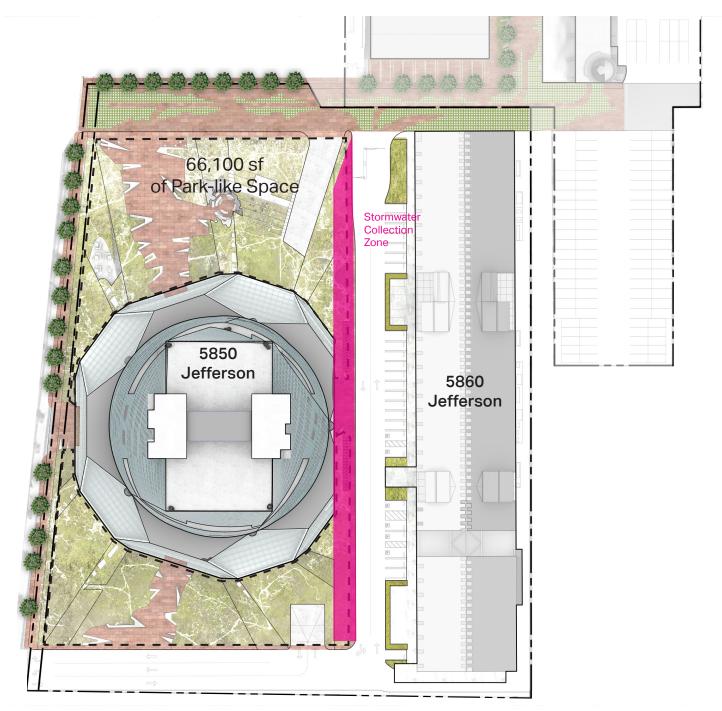
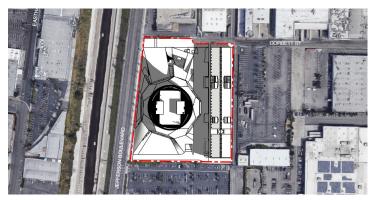


Figure 13 Landscape Plan

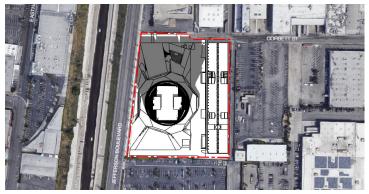
#### PVP Comment: "Consider adding more trees for shade."

The Project has been designed to provide both optimal shading and sunlight. The northern park-like space is shaded by the building to the south during midday times of intense sunlight to provide ample outdoor shaded areas, and yet receives direct sunlight during the morning and late afternoon when it is more welcome. See Figure 14. Additional trees have been added along the perimeter of the site and along the pedestrian pathways between the LA Metro station and the building entrance. See Figures 3-8 on pages 4-6. As mentioned previously, Project-required parking has been placed below grade to maximize park-like space (approximately 66,100 sf) and increase the amount of landscaping on the ground level. Unfortunately, tree growth is not technically or physically feasible above the subterranean parking structure, but extensive tree planting is planned in other areas of the site. See Figure 2 on page 3.

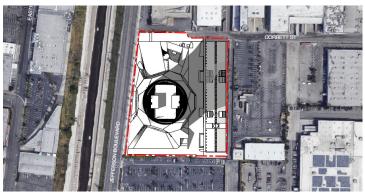
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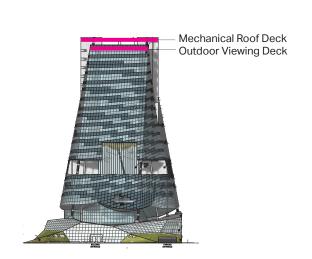
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Figure 14 Shade/Shadow Analysis

# **PVP Comment:** "The project should dedicate at least 15% of the available rooftop space for the installation of solar."

The project will dedicate 15% of the available rooftop space for the installation of solar. The configuration of the building minimizes its horizontal footprint as it gets taller, thus reducing the available roof area. Outdoor viewing decks are provided for building occupants on the northern and southern perimeter of the roof to take advantage of long-distance views across the city. The mechanical roof deck contains 4,715 square feet reserved for vertical circulation, building cores, and mechanical equipment. While non-residential buildings over three stories are exempt from the Mandatory Requirements for Solar Ready Buildings in the 2019 California Energy Code, the Project will dedicate 710 sq. ft. (15%) for solar on the mechanical roof deck. A sample layout is provided in Figure 15 but is subject to future coordination of mechanical systems and building cores.

Other sustainable strategies that the Applicant is currently exploring would include high-performance glazing, natural daylighting due to glass walls in office and common area spaces, green roofs on lower levels, gray water recycling for irrigation, and other active and passive strategies to reduce energy usage and promote a healthy work environment.



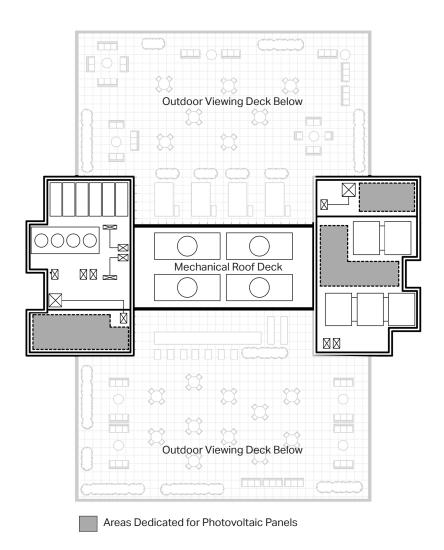


Figure 15 Roof Plan

### PVP Comment: "Consider reusing the graywater for landscape irrigation."

The reuse of graywater is currently planned. Stormwater collection is planned on the eastern perimeter of the site within an 18' by 400' strip of land that does not have below grade parking underneath. Stormwater will be collected via an Environmental Passive Integrated Chamber (EPIC) system to be filtered and re-used for irrigation. See Figure 16.

# **PVP Comment:** "LID compliance extremely important because of close proximity to Ballona Creek and size of the site."

The Project will comply with all Low Impact Design (LID) requirements per code. Stormwater runoff will be captured on-site and will not discharge into Ballona Creek. The system captures rain during storm events, passes it through sand filtration, and stores it to be used during drier times.

