

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Date: July 9, 2015

To: California State Clearinghouse, CEQA Responsible and Trustee Agencies, federal agencies, San Mateo County Clerk, and interested individuals and organizations

Subject: **Final Program Environmental Impact Report for the Menlo-Atherton High School Campus Facilities Master Plan (SCH# 2015022020)**

Lead Agency: Sequoia Union High School District - 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Applicant: Same as Lead Agency

Project Title: Menlo-Atherton High School (MAHS) Campus Facilities Master Plan (FMP)

Project Location and Description: The MAHS FMP outlines the structural facilities needed to accommodate the growth in student enrollment forecast to occur at MAHS by 2020 and would guide development at MAHS over the near- to intermediate term (approximately the next five to 10 years). The District would implement the FMP in phases, beginning in summer 2015. FMP projects would replace and/or add academic, athletic, and administrative-related spaces to the campus, as well as repair and maintain existing campus infrastructure. In total, the FMP could result in a net increase in 22 classrooms at the MAHS campus, as well as other campus physical improvements. MAHS is an existing, comprehensive high school located at 555 Middlefield Road, in the Town of Atherton, in southern San Mateo County.

Final EIR Summary: The Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD, or the District) prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the District's proposed MAHS FMP. The Draft EIR was circulated for review from May 6, 2015 to June 22, 2015. The District received oral comments from five members of the public during a May 20, 2015 public Board of Trustees' meeting and 21 written comment letters on the Draft EIR, including five comment letters from four public agencies (Menlo Park Fire Protection District, Town of Atherton, San Mateo County, and Caltrans).

The Final EIR includes revisions to the Draft EIR text, as well as written responses to all significant comments raised with respect to the environment. Text revisions and changes include:

- Additional information that provides more background and context for the EIR's setting and impact analysis.
- Revisions to Draft EIR Mitigation Measures AES-1C, AES-2A, AES-2B, AIR-1, NOI-1, and NOI-2. These revisions clarify and amplify the requirements in these measures that reduce and/or avoid potentially significant impacts that could occur with implementation of the MAHS FMP.

- Addition of Mitigation Measures TRA-2B, TRA-2C, and TRA-2D to the EIR. These measures amplify the measures the District will implement to improve traffic safety and circulation on local roads near MAHS and other neighborhood schools.
- Revisions and clarifications to the EIR's analysis of alternatives, including additional alternatives that were considered but rejected, and clarifications to the No Project Alternative
- Text changes throughout the document provide clarity to the analysis, make minor text corrections, or fix grammatical or typographic errors.

These revisions do not constitute considerably different changes in the project description, environmental setting, impact analysis findings, or the mitigation measures identified in the Draft Program EIR. Implementation of the MAHS FMP would result in significant and unavoidable impacts to intersection level of service and roadway segments on both a project and cumulative level even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures to reduce vehicle trips generated by MAHS students and staff.

EIR Certification: The District's Board of Trustees is scheduled to consider approval of the MAHS FMP and certification of the EIR at its regular meeting on the date and time below:

Wednesday, July 22, 2015 - 5:30 PM
Sequoia Union High School District
Birch Conference Room, Sanford Building
480 James Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062

Document Availability: Hardcopies of the Final Program EIR are available for review at the following locations:

- SUHSD Main Office
480 James Avenue
Redwood City, CA 94062
- Menlo-Atherton High School
(M-A Summer School Office)
555 Middlefield Road
Atherton, CA 94027
- Atherton Library
2 Dinkelspiel Station Lane
Atherton, CA 94027

The Final EIR may also be reviewed or downloaded from SUHSD's website: www.seq.org

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