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Crossroads Hollywood Project - ENV-2015-2026-EIR

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Hello Mr. Huerta,

On behalf of LAUSD, please see the attached comment letter regarding the Crossroads Hollywood (ENV-2015-2026-EIR) Draft EIR.

Best,

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SUBJECT: Crossroads Hollywood
ENV-2015-2026-EIR

Thank you for giving the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD or District) the opportunity to comment on the proposed Crossroads Hollywood mixed-use development (proposed project) Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). LAUSD's Hollywood High School and Selma Avenue Elementary School campuses would be located within 0.25 mile of the proposed project Site. LAUSD previously submitted comments responding to the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed project. LAUSD appreciates that the LAUSD noise level thresholds that LAUSD identified in the NOP comment letter were used in evaluating the noise impacts of the proposed project. LAUSD also appreciates that several of the mitigation measures LAUSD recommended in the NOP comment letter were incorporated into the Draft EIR. Based upon a review of the Draft EIR, the proposed project will have a significant impact on LAUSD schools, therefore LAUSD would like the City to consider the following additional mitigation measures which were not incorporated into the Draft EIR.

Air Quality

To ensure that effective mitigation is applied to reduce construction air pollutant impacts on Hollywood High School and Selma Avenue Elementary School, we ask that the following language be included as a mitigation measure for air quality impacts:

- If air quality impacts are experienced at Hollywood High School or at Selma Avenue Elementary School, the proposed project applicant shall develop new and appropriate measures to effectively mitigate construction related air emissions. Provisions shall be made to allow the school and or designated representative(s) to notify the proposed project applicant when such measures are warranted.

Noise

To ensure that effective mitigation is employed to reduce construction related noise impacts on the proximate campuses, LAUSD asks that the City consider in its mitigation and/or requirements for the proposed project:

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*Our Mission: To ensure a safe and healthy environment for students to learn, teachers to teach, and employees to work.
Our Vision: To eliminate all environmental, health, and safety risks at schools.*

- If noise-related impacts remain after implementation of the proposed mitigation measures, the project applicant shall develop additional feasible and appropriate measures to effectively mitigate construction-related noise at the affected campuses. Provisions shall be made to allow the site administrators and/or designated representatives to notify the project applicant when such measures are warranted, such as during State-mandated testing.

Traffic/Transportation

To ensure that effective mitigation is employed to reduce construction and operation related transportation impacts on District sites, we ask that the following language be included in the mitigation measures for traffic impacts:

- Contractors must maintain ongoing communication with the site administrators and/or designated representatives of the proximate campuses, providing sufficient notice to forewarn children and parents when existing pedestrian and vehicular routes to the campuses will be impacted.
- The LAUSD Transportation Branch must be contacted at (213) 580-2903, regarding the potential impact of the Project upon existing school bus routes. The Project Manager or designee should notify the LAUSD Transportation Branch of the expected start and ending dates for various portions of the Project that may affect traffic through the areas.
- Because of provisions in the California Vehicle Code, trucks and construction vehicles may encounter school buses using the red flashing lights and must stop.
- School buses and parents dropping off their students must have access to the drop off areas located on each of the proximate campuses.

Pedestrian Safety

Construction activities that include sidewalk closures, street closures, the presence of heavy equipment, and increased truck trips to haul materials on and off the project site can lead to safety hazards for people walking in the vicinity of the construction site. To ensure that effective measures are employed to reduce construction and operation-related pedestrian safety effects on District sites, LAUSD asks that the following language be included in the pedestrian safety control measures:

- Contractors must maintain ongoing communication with the site administrators and/or designated representatives of the proximate campuses, providing sufficient notice to forewarn children and parents when existing pedestrian routes to school may be impacted.
- Contractors must maintain safe and convenient pedestrian routes to the proximate schools. The District's School Pedestrian Route Maps are available at: <http://www.lausd-oehs.org/saferoutestoschools.asp>.
- No staging or parking of construction-related vehicles, including worker-transport vehicles, will occur on or adjacent to a school property.
- Funding for crossing guards or flaggers, at the contractor's expense, may be required when safety of children may be compromised by construction-related activities at impacted school crossings.
- Barriers and/or fencing must be installed to secure construction equipment and to minimize trespassing, vandalism, short-cut attractions, and attractive nuisances.

- Contractors are required to provide security patrols (at their expense) to minimize trespassing, vandalism, and short-cut attractions.

LAUSD's charge is to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and the integrity of the learning environment. The comments presented in this letter identify potential environmental impacts related to the proposed project that have the potential to impact the welfare of the students, faculty, and staff at LAUSD schools. If additional issues are identified by LAUSD, we will bring them to the attention of the City.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need additional information please contact me at (213) 241-3432.

Regards,

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