

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR MENLO-ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL

Date: May 6, 2015

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

Subject: **Notice of Availability of a Draft 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 Campus Facilities Master Plan

Project Location and Description: The Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD, or the District) has 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 Menlo-Atherton High School (MAHS) Campus Facilities Master Plan (MAHS FMP). MAHS is an existing, comprehensive high school located at 555 Middlefield Road, in the Town of Atherton, in southern San Mateo County. The approximately 38-acre campus is centered on 37°27'44" north latitude and 122°10'27" west longitude and is located approximately 0.8 miles southwest of Highway 101 and 0.6 miles northeast of El Camino Real. Although located in Atherton, the MAHS Campus is adjacent to both the City of Menlo Park (on the south) and the Menlo Oaks neighborhood of unincorporated San Mateo County (on the east). Total student enrollment at MAHS has been steadily increasing and is expected to reach approximately 2,600 students by the 2020-21 school year. 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). In general, the MAHS FMP calls for the potential addition of up to approximately 22 new classrooms and improvements to other student and administrative services facilities (e.g., athletic facilities, food preparation facilities, staff offices), as well as other minor capital repair projects.

Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: The Draft Program EIR identifies potentially significant impacts on the following resources: Aesthetics (changes to visual character), Air Quality (fugitive dust), Biological Resources (nesting birds and trees), Cultural Resources (historic structures and undocumented resources), Hazards and Hazardous Materials (unanticipated contamination), Hydrology and water quality (storm water), Noise (project noise levels), and Traffic (intersection level of service and traffic volumes on roadways). Mitigation measures are proposed to avoid and /or substantially reduce the MAHS FMP's potential effects on Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, and Utilities to less than significant levels. Mitigation measures are also proposed to reduce the MAHS FMP's potential to generate vehicle trips, but impacts to intersection operations and roadway segments would remain significant and unavoidable on both a project- and cumulative-level.

Request for Comments: The purpose of this Notice of Availability is to request comments on the Draft Program EIR the District has prepared for the MAHS FMP from state responsible and trustee agencies, federal agencies, and any other person or organization concerned with the environmental effects of the project. The starting and ending dates for the review period during which time the SUHSD will receive comments on the Draft EIR are May 6, 2015 and June 22, 2015, respectively. **Please send your written response by the earliest possible date, but no later than 5 PM on June 22, 2015 to Mr. Matthew Zito, Chief Facilities Officer, 480 James Avenue, Redwood City, CA 94062 or to ma-eir@seq.org (enter "MAHS FMP Draft EIR" in the 'Subject' line).** Agency responses should include the name of a contact person at the agency.

Scheduled Public Meeting: The District encourages all interested agency representatives, organizations, and individuals to attend the regular meeting of the District's Board of Trustees on the date and time below, which will include a discussion of the Draft Program EIR:

Wednesday, May 20, 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 Draft Program EIR are available for review at the following locations:

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

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

Signature: Matthew S. Zito

Date: 5/6/2015

Title: Chief Facilities Officer