

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND SCOPING MEETING

WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE FIELD PROJECT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties **DATE:** August 1, 2017

FROM: Glendale Community Services & Parks (Lead Agency)

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations and Notice of Scoping Meeting

The City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department (City) has partnered with the Glendale Unified School District (GUSD) to develop a multi-purpose field with sports field lighting on the campus of Wilson Middle School (Wilson MS). The City of Glendale will serve as the Lead Agency for the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15051(c) in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Wilson Middle School Multi-Purpose Field Project (project) as described below. The City is requesting identification of environmental issues and information that you or your organization believes should be considered in the EIR.

PROJECT TITLE: Wilson Middle School Multi-Purpose Project

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: August 1, 2017 – September 1, 2017

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please send your responses and comments to: Peter Vierheilig, Project Manager, City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department. Phone Number: 818.548.2000. Mailing Address: City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department, 613 East Broadway Rm 120, Glendale, California 91206, or via email at PVierheilig@Glendaleca.gov, with the subject heading: **Wilson Middle School Multi-Purpose Project**. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted.

SCOPING MEETING: The City will host a Scoping Meeting for the project to receive comments on the scope and content of the proposed EIR. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be considered in the EIR. The meeting is scheduled for:

Date: August 17, 2017
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Wilson Middle School Library
1221 Monterey Road
Glendale, CA 91206

AGENCIES: The City requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the District when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES: The District requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Wilson Middle School campus is located at 1221 Monterey Road in the City of Glendale, Los Angeles County, CA. The proposed project would occur at the existing on-site athletic field, which is located along the northern perimeter of the Wilson Middle School campus. The campus is approximately 0.13 mile north of State Route 134. The proposed project would disturb approximately 3.85 acres – consisting of the existing athletic field and basketball courts – along the northern portion of the Wilson MS campus. The proposed project would not impact other areas of the campus. The project site is bounded by multi-family residential uses to the north (fronting East Glenoaks Boulevard), Wilson MS campus buildings, including classrooms and administrative buildings

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(fronting Monterey Road) to the south, Wilson MS campus buildings to the west, with single-family homes located west of the campus fronting Adams Street, and Verdugo Road to the east. The Wilson MS campus is rectangularly shaped and bordered by Glenoaks Boulevard to the north, Monterey Road to the south, Verdugo Road to the east, and Adams Street to the west.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would result in the redevelopment of the existing grass field and paved basketball courts with a joint use multi-purpose field with football, soccer and lacrosse markings and surrounding rubberized surface jogging track, fitness equipment, perimeter security fence with privacy screening, restroom and storage/maintenance building(s), walkways, landscaping, irrigation, re-grading of the existing basketball court surface, and sports field lighting. The proposed project would make use of existing street and on-site parking. No change in site access or parking would occur. The proposed field lighting is necessary for evening use on both weeknights and weekends. The City's use of the proposed field would be from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The City would have a Community Services & Parks Department employee on site during permitted field times when the school is not in use. No permanent seating or bleachers are proposed. The project site has a general plan designation of Public/Semi Public and is zoned as R1 – Low Density Residential. No change in general plan or zoning designation is required for the proposed project.

The proposed project would not introduce new uses to the project site; rather, the proposed project would allow for the extended use of the project site by outside sporting groups during nighttime hours. Specifically, operation of field lighting would allow these groups to utilize the field until 10:00 p.m., in accordance with the 1999 Joint Use Agreement. Use of the proposed field lighting by outside groups would require a Facilities Use Permit issued by GUSD or the City of Glendale, similar to existing conditions that would establish the allowable hours of use.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives. The topics anticipated to be discussed in the EIR include aesthetics, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, noise, and transportation/traffic. The project's potential environmental effects are further described in the project's Initial Study, which is available for review as detailed below.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Initial Study is available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours):

- City of Glendale Community Services & Parks Department, 613 East Broadway Rm.120, Glendale, CA 91206
- Wilson Middle School, 1221 Monterey Road, Glendale, CA 91206
- City of Glendale Community Services & Parks website: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/parks>

If you require additional information, please contact Peter Vierheilg at (818) 548-2000.

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Para ver este documento en español, por favor visite www.glendaleca.gov/parks y haga clic en el enlace Wilson Middle School Multi-purpose Field.