

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT****Berkeley High School Tennis and Parking Structure**

The Berkeley Unified School District (District) will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Berkeley High School Tennis and Parking Structure (proposed project). The District is requesting written comments from residents, agencies, organizations and interested parties regarding the scope and content of the environmental document.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located at 2000 Bancroft Way, east of Milvia Street, across from the Berkeley High School Campus, between Bancroft Way and Durant Avenue in Berkeley, Alameda County, California (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 55-1894-7-2). Located on the project site is an existing 40,000 square foot parking lot that currently provides 120 stalls of compact parking and 2 ADA accessible stalls.

Project Background Information: The overarching goal of the proposed project is to reduce capacity and overcrowding on parking facilities in the downtown Berkeley area. The District has developed the following preliminary project objectives to aid decision-makers in their review of the project, consideration of project alternatives and associated environmental impacts.

- Achieve objectives to construct additional parking consistent with the intent of the Berkeley High School South of Bancroft Master Plan that was adopted in January 2007.
- Improve and expand District parking facilities to meet need at Berkeley High and help relieve existing parking supply in adjoining residential neighborhoods from overcrowding.
- Provide efficient, accessible, safe, and secure parking areas for BUSD faculty and staff.
- Provide a high-quality tennis facility to serve the Berkeley High physical education and athletics programs that meets contemporary standards of education.
- Reduce operational difficulties and complex coordination issues with respect to the scheduling of practices and tennis matches for the District's athletic program.

Project Description: The proposed Project would be comprised of one, four-story structure, with three floors of lighted parking and lighted rooftop tennis courts. Ground floor parking would include 77 stalls, the second story would include 80 stalls, and the third story would include 82 stalls of parking for a total of 239 parking stalls. Ramps allowing travel between the stories would be located on the north central side of the structure. The height of each story would be 11 feet, and the structure would be 47 feet in height at its tallest point. A two-way vehicular entrance to the structure would be located on the south side of the structure on Durant Avenue. The lobby entrance for pedestrian access would be located on the northwest side of the building at the intersection of Milvia Street and Bancroft Way and would feature a kiosk for payment and elevators. The rooftop tennis courts would feature four tennis courts, and two restrooms would be located on the rooftop as part of the tennis court facilities. The project would include landscaping, fencing, and storage areas. It would not require the expansion of utilities, or waste or maintenance spaces.

Potential Environmental Effects: The EIR will evaluate the project for potential impacts on the environment and determine the potential environmental consequences of future change. The proposed project could potentially affect the following environmental factors, each of which will be addressed in the EIR: Aesthetics; Air Quality; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Noise; Recreation; Transportation; Tribal Cultural Resources; Utilities and Service Systems; Energy.

Environmental Effects Not Likely to Require Further Analysis: An Initial Study, attached to this Notice of Preparation concluded that the proposed project is not anticipated to result in significant environmental effects in the following areas: Agricultural Resources; Biological Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Mineral Resources; Public Services; Population and Housing; and Wildfires are not anticipated to be analyzed in the EIR.

A Scoping Meeting will be conducted through Zoom on **Thursday, September 28, 2022, and Thursday, October 20, 2022** from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Please use the following links provided:

September 28 meeting link: <https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/j/84008552971?pwd=cHdwS3VXV3R2RG5FYXhIVXJXWFU5UT09>

October 20 meeting link: <https://berkeley-net.zoom.us/j/85447374337?pwd=Z0tPLzIVUFozUFILUVo0OXg4QXhKUT09>

Additionally, the District is accepting written responses within the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-mandated 30-day comment period that begins on **September 26, 2022** and ends **no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 26, 2022**. Public agencies should indicate a contact person in their response to this Notice of Preparation.

Responses should be directed to: [capitalprojects@berkeley.net](mailto:capitalprojects@berkeley.net)

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21092(b), the Notice of Preparation and Initial Study are available for inspection at 1005 Parker Street, Berkeley, CA 94710.