

## LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGES

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## NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING DRAFT SUPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DSEIR) SCH No. 2004121007

July 25, 2022

**TO:** Agencies, organizations, and interested parties

PROJECT TITLE: LACCD Trade-Technical Campus - Grand Theater Demolition

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Completion and Availability (NOC and NOA) of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15085, 15372) and Notice of Public Meeting

**LEAD AGENCY:** Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD)

**PROJECT LOCATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING**: The Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (LATTC) is located at 400 West Washington Boulevard just south of the downtown area of the City of Los Angeles (it is located in the Southeast Los Angeles Community Planning area). The LATTC Campus is generally bounded by West Washington Boulevard to the north, Olive Street to the east, 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> Streets to the south, and South Flower Street to the west. The Grand Theater is located along the Washington Boulevard frontage across the eastbound lane from the Grand/LATTC Metro light rail station. See attached **Figure 1 Project Location**.

The Trade-Tech Campus is about 700 feet south of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) and ranges from 400 feet to about 1,000 feet east of the Harbor Freeway (I-110). The Trade-Tech Campus is located north across 23<sup>rd</sup> Street from housing substantially used by USC students and Orthopedic Hospital Medical Magnet School. These uses are both more 1,150 feet from the Grand Theater. The project site is not identified on any list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In 2005, the Los Angeles College District (LACCD) approved a Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan) and certified the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Thirty-Year Master Plan Final EIR (2005 FEIR). In August 2019 a Notice of Preparation (NOP) was published for a Supplemental EIR (SEIR) to address a Master Plan Update for the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College Campus (Trade-Tech Campus) to evaluate the potential demolition of two buildings (Grand Theater and Redwood Hall). While the College has decided to continue to use Redwood Hall, renovation and re-use of the Grand Theater has been found to be infeasible and inconsistent with LACCD's programming and educational goals for the campus; therefore, demolition is now proposed. Open space and a new campus entry is proposed for the location of the current Grand Theater. The 29,976 square foot Grand Theater (also known as the Magnolia Hall Auditorium) was constructed in 1924 and has been renovated several times but has been vacant since 2009. Changes to the building over time have impacted the historic fabric of the building. The building is substantially deteriorated (building systems and building fabric) but is considered historic for purposes of CEQA.

**SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**: The Draft SEIR finds that the proposed demolition of the Grand Theater would result in a substantial change to the project (the Facilities Master Plan) analyzed in the 2005 FEIR. Further the Draft SEIR finds that this change would result in a new significant adverse impact to historic resources that was not identified in the 2005 FEIR. All other impacts would remain the same or less than identified in the 2005 FEIR.

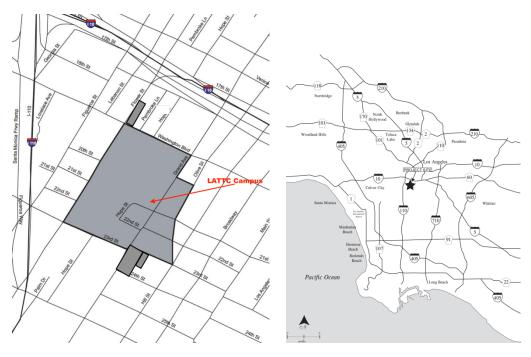
**DOCUMENT REVIEW AND COMMENT:** The comment period for the Draft SEIR is July 25, 2022 through September 8, 2022. The Draft Supplemental EIR is available on-line at: <a href="https://www.lattc.edu/about/governance/committees#plans">https://www.lattc.edu/about/governance/committees#plans</a>, under "For the Public" and "Committee Plans". If you wish to review a print copy of the Draft SEIR or the documents referenced in the Draft SEIR, you may do so during office hours 8 am to 5 pm at the LACCD downtown offices lobby located at 770 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017 and Trade-Tech Campus Library (2nd Floor Mariposa Hall). The Draft Supplemental EIR may also be purchased on a thumb drive for \$10 per copy. Contact: <a href="mailto:Duy.Doan@Build-LACCD.org">Duy.Doan@Build-LACCD.org</a> to purchase copies.

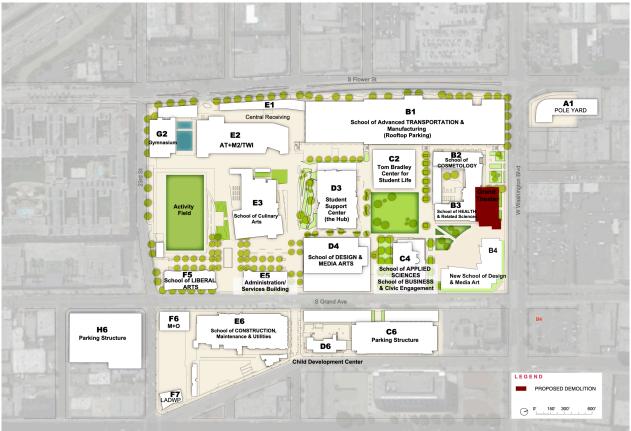
If you wish to submit comments following your review of the Draft Supplemental EIR please reference **Grand Theater Demolition Draft SEIR** and submit them in writing by September 8, 2022, no later than 5 pm. Please direct your comments to:

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**PUBLIC MEETING:** A public meeting will be held to present the Draft SEIR and to receive public comments on August 23, 2022, at 3:30 pm, in Room 101 of Building F5 (Liberal Arts Building -- shown on Figure 1), on the Trade-Tech Campus. Parking is available at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Parking Structure (H6 on Figure 1).

Following public review of the Draft SEIR, the Final SEIR will then be prepared. The Final EIR will include, at a minimum, comments submitted on the SEIR and written responses to those comments. The LACCD Board of Trustees will consider the Final SEIR as part of the decision-making process and before acting on the proposed Master Plan revision.





**Figure 1: Project Location**