

## **IV. Environmental Impact Analysis**

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### **H.4 Public Services—Libraries**

#### **1. Introduction**

This section of the Draft EIR analyzes the potential impacts of the Project with regard to Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL) facilities and services. The analysis describes existing LAPL facilities in the Project Site vicinity and determines whether existing facilities are sufficient to accommodate the anticipated library demand of the Project or if new or physically altered facilities would be required. The analysis is based in part on information provided by the LAPL in a letter dated September 14, 2020, which is included in Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

#### **2. Environmental Setting**

##### **a. Regulatory Framework**

###### **(1) Los Angeles General Plan Framework Element**

The City of Los Angeles General Plan Framework Element (Framework Element) establishes a Citywide context for long-term planning at the City and community levels. Adopted in December 1996 and readopted in August 2001, the General Plan Framework provides general guidance regarding land use issues that include direction on infrastructure and public services.

Chapter 9 (Infrastructure and Public Services) of the Framework Element contains objectives and policies that address library facilities. Specifically, Objectives 9.20 and 9.21 outline policies for the provision of adequate library services and facilities to meet the needs of the City's residents. Policy 9.20.1 of Objective 9.20 recommends the development of library standards dealing with library facilities' net floor area, the appropriate number of permanent collection books per resident, and service radii. Policy 9.20.2 of Objective 9.20 proposes a Citywide policy for locating non-English language permanent collections. Objective 9.21 proposes ensuring library services for current and future residents and businesses. As part of Objective 9.21, Policy 9.21.1 proposes seeking additional resources to maintain and expand library services, Policy 9.21.2 encourages the expansion of non-traditional library services (e.g., book mobiles) where permanent facilities are not adequate, and Policy 9.21.3 encourages the inclusion of library facilities in mixed-use

structures, in community and regional centers, at transit stations, and in mixed-use boulevards.

Chapter 10 (Implementation Plans) of the Framework Element states that the LAPL is charged with the responsibility of updating the Library Master Plan to provide sufficient capacity to correct existing deficiencies, as well as meet the needs of future populations. Updates to the plan should:

- a. Identify improvements, including, but not limited to, new library facilities, alternatives to “stand-alone facilities” (such as mobile collections and “substations” at transit stations or in mixed-use structures), which encourage greater distribution of library facilities; new methods for acquiring books and equipment; ways to connect library telecommunications services with other City agencies as well as local college and university systems; and ways to identify regional libraries that are appropriate for non-English language collections, consistent with neighborhood needs.
- b. Adopt strategies that enhance the viability of joint development and joint-use opportunities with large commercial projects and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD), thereby increasing the distribution of library services.
- c. Establish a new City library service standard that is based on the needs and reflects the character of the City.
- d. Identify funding sources and mechanisms for facility improvements that may include citywide assessments, state and federal grants, and the solicitation of private donations for collections, audio-visual equipment and computer materials.

The implementation plans and policies set forth in the Framework Element have been addressed through the Los Angeles Library Branch Facilities Plan and the 1989 and 1998 Library Bond Programs, which are described below.

## (2) Los Angeles Public Library Branch Facilities Plan

The Los Angeles Public Library Branch Facilities Plan (Branch Facilities Plan), first adopted in 1988 and revised in 2007, guides the construction, maintenance, and organization of public branch libraries and establishes specific standards in defining geographic service areas and the size of branch facilities. The Branch Facilities Plan is composed of two elements: the Criteria for New Libraries and the Proposed Project List.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *The Criteria for Libraries component of the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan was formerly referred to as the Site Selection Guidelines in the 1988 Branch New Facilities Plan.*

The Criteria for New Libraries sets standards for the size and features of new library branches based on the population served in each community, while the Proposed Project List identifies 19 future library projects, including renovations or replacements of 11 existing branch facilities and construction of eight new branch facilities.<sup>2</sup>

The Branch Facilities Plan was initially implemented through the 1989 and 1998 Bond Programs. The 1989 Bond Program, or Phase I, provided \$53.4 million for 26 library projects.<sup>3</sup> It was supplemented with additional funding of \$54.6 million from the Community Development Block Grant award of federal funds, the California State Library Proposition 85, and Friends of the Library groups, thereby facilitating the development of an additional three projects.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, the 1998 Bond Program, or Phase II, provided \$178.3 million for 32 projects, which was supplemented with an additional \$48 million from managed savings, Friends of the Library contributions, and a California State Library Proposition 14 grant.<sup>5</sup> The supplementary funding facilitated the construction of an additional four projects.

With the completion of the library projects identified in the 1988 Branch Facilities Plan, the LAPL has planned for the future by analyzing current and future library services and facilities needs, as well as residential population growth projections to the year 2030. As a result of these efforts, a revised Branch Facilities Plan was reviewed and approved by the Board of Library Commissioners in 2007 (2007 Branch Facilities Plan). The 2007 Branch Facilities Plan is now the base document for future development of LAPL facilities. As such, it provides guidance on the preparation of cost estimates for property acquisition, design and construction of proposed library projects, and analyses of options for obtaining funding to build new libraries. As shown in Table IV.H.4-1 on page IV.H.4-4, the Criteria for New Libraries component of the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan recommends facility size standards for new libraries based on its service population. While the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan provides general guidance on library facility improvements, there are no current plans for new development or renovation of library facilities.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2007–2010, Appendix VI: Branch Facilities Plan, Draft Revision.*

<sup>3</sup> *Passed by City voters through Proposition 1 in 1989.*

<sup>4</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2007–2010, Appendix VI: Branch Facilities Plan, Draft Revision.*

<sup>5</sup> *Passed by City voters through Proposition DD in 1998.*

<sup>6</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2007–2010, Appendix VI: Branch Facilities Plan, Draft Revision.*

**Table IV.H.4-1  
LAPL Branch Building Size Standards**

<b>Residential Population Served</b>	<b>Size of Facility<sup>a</sup></b>
Below 45,000	12,500 sf
Above 45,000	14,500 sf
Regional Branch	Up to 20,000 sf
<i>sf = square feet</i> <sup>a</sup> <i>For communities with populations above 90,000, the LAPL suggests consideration of adding a second branch to that area.</i> <i>Source: Written communication Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.</i>	

### (3) Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2015–2020<sup>7</sup>

The Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2015–2020 (Strategic Plan) sets forth LAPL's goals and objectives regarding library services. The goals and objectives discussed in the Strategic Plan focus on community development and program expansion in an effort to increase the number of people who use the library services, increase the number of library card holders, and increase residents' overall engagement with the library. The Strategic Plan does not include goals or objectives regarding LAPL's construction of new facilities or expansion of existing facilities. Such goals and objectives are contained in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan, which continues to guide the construction, maintenance, and organization of LAPL's library facilities.

### (4) Hollywood Community Plan

The Project Site is located within the Hollywood Community Plan area. The Hollywood Community Plan, adopted on December 13, 1988, includes the following policies that are relevant to libraries:

- Library 1: It is the City's policy that library facilities, procedures, programs and resources be continually evaluated and tailored to the social, economic and cultural needs of local residents.
- Library 2: It is the City's policy that, where feasible, bookmobile service to isolated residents be encouraged as a complimentary service of community branch libraries.

<sup>7</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2015–2020, June 2015. As of July 2021, the 2015–2020 Strategic Plan is the most current available.*

- Library 3: It is the City's policy that the expansion of existing library facilities and the acquisition of new sites be planned and designed to minimize the displacement of housing and relocation of residents.

## **b. Existing Conditions**

### **(1) Regional Facilities**

The LAPL provides library services to the City through its Central Library, eight regional branch libraries, and 64 community branch libraries, as well as through internet-based resources.<sup>8</sup> Administratively, the LAPL is divided into six geographic regions, which include the Central Southern, Northeast, East Valley, West Valley, Hollywood, and Western regions.<sup>9</sup> The Project Site is located in the LAPL's Hollywood region. The LAPL offers more than 6.5 million items, including books, magazines, photos, movies, e-books, podcasts, audiobooks, and streaming video; more than 1,000 online courses; and more than 18,000 public programs.<sup>10</sup> The LAPL's web-based resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The LAPL's network of libraries includes expanded and rebuilt facilities, as well as facilities at new locations. All branch libraries provide free access to computer workstations, thereby enabling patrons to access the internet and the LAPL's electronic resources, including an online catalog, subscription databases, word processing, language learning, and a large collection of historic documents and photographs. In addition, specially designed websites are provided for children, teens, and non-English speakers.

### **(2) Local Facilities**

Based on information provided by the LAPL, the Project would be served by the Frances Howard Goldwyn–Hollywood Regional Library (Hollywood Regional Library), the Cahuenga Branch Library, the Los Feliz Branch Library, and the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library. Figure IV.H.4-1 on page IV.H.4-6 identifies the locations of the existing public library facilities serving the Project Site. At this time, there are no planned improvements or expansions to add capacity to the library or plans for the development of a new library to serve the community.<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library, Library Directory.*

<sup>9</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library, Library Directory.*

<sup>10</sup> *Los Angeles Public Library Strategic Plan 2015–2020, June 2015.*

<sup>11</sup> *Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.*





**Figure IV.H.4-1**  
Libraries Serving the Project Site



The Hollywood Regional Library is, located at 1623 North Ivar Avenue, approximately 1.1 miles northwest of the Project Site. It is approximately 19,000 square feet in size, with approximately 74,774 volumes in collection and a staff of 15.5 full-time employees and 10 volunteers.<sup>12</sup> According to the LAPL, the service population of the Hollywood Regional Library is 78,944 persons.<sup>13</sup> Therefore, the Hollywood Regional Library currently meets the building size recommendations set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan (i.e., 14,500 square feet for community with more than 45,000 population and up).

The Cahuenga Branch Library is located at 4591 Santa Monica Boulevard, approximately 1.1 miles southeast of the Project Site. The Cahuenga Branch Library is approximately 10,942 square feet in size and provides approximately 35,484 volumes in collection with a staff of 9 full-time employees and 52 volunteers.<sup>14</sup> According to the LAPL, the service population of the Cahuenga Branch Library is approximately 48,435 persons.<sup>15</sup> As such, the Cahuenga Branch Library does not currently meet the building size recommendations set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan (i.e., 14,500 square feet for a service population over 45,000 persons).

The Los Feliz Branch Library is located at 1874 Hillhurst Avenue, approximately 1.2 miles northeast of the Project Site. The Los Feliz Branch Library is approximately 10,449 square feet in size and provides approximately 49,535 volumes in collection with a staff of 10 full-time employees and 45 volunteers.<sup>16</sup> According to the LAPL, the service population of the Los Feliz Branch Library is approximately 44,639 persons.<sup>17</sup> As such, the Los Feliz Branch Library does not currently meet the building size recommendations set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan (i.e., 12,500 square feet for a service population of less than 45,000 persons).

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<sup>12</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>13</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>14</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>15</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>16</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>17</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

The Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library is located at 7140 W. Sunset Boulevard, located approximately 2.3 miles west of the Project Site. The Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library is approximately 12,500 square feet in size and provides approximately 54,632 volumes in its collection with a staff of 9.5 full-time employees and 8 volunteers.<sup>18</sup> According to the LAPL, the service population of the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library is approximately 25,657 persons.<sup>19</sup> As such, the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library currently meets the building size recommendations set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan (i.e., 12,500 square feet for a service population of less than 45,000 persons).

At the time of publication of this Draft EIR, 70 LAPL libraries are offering limited in-person services due to COVID-19. Libraries are offering select services that may include quick browsing, computer access, pick up of holds and mobile printing orders, checking out of materials inside libraries, and Library To Go contactless pick up service.<sup>20</sup> During this time, the Central Library is open Monday through Friday 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. and regional and branch libraries are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and Tuesday and Thursday 12:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. As of July 2021, all of the libraries serving the Project Site are open.<sup>21</sup> The LAPL's web-based resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### 3. Project Impacts

#### a. Thresholds of Significance

In accordance with Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines (Appendix G), a project would have a significant impact related other public facilities (e.g., libraries) if it would:

***Threshold (a): Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities (i.e., libraries), need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for libraries.***

<sup>18</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>19</sup> Written communication from Los Angeles Public Library, September 14, 2020. See Appendix L of this Draft EIR.

<sup>20</sup> LAPL, Coronavirus Information, [www.lapl.org/coronavirus](http://www.lapl.org/coronavirus), accessed May 4, 2021.

<sup>21</sup> LAPL, Locations & Hours, [www.lapl.org/branches?field\\_branch\\_resources\\_services\\_tid=12611](http://www.lapl.org/branches?field_branch_resources_services_tid=12611), accessed July 7, 2021.



In assessing impacts related to libraries in this section, the City will use Appendix G as the thresholds of significance. The factors and considerations identified below from the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* will be used where applicable and relevant to assist in analyzing the Appendix G thresholds. Specifically, the *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* states that the determination of significance with regard to impacts on libraries shall be made on a case-by-case basis, considering the following factors:

- The net population increase resulting from the proposed project;
- The demand for library services anticipated at the time of project buildout compared to the expected level of service available. Consider, as applicable, scheduled improvements to library services (renovation, expansion, addition, or relocation) and the project's proportional contribution to the demand; and
- Whether the project includes features that would reduce the demand for library services (e.g., on-site library facilities or direct support to the LAPL).

## **b. Methodology**

The methodology used to evaluate potential library impacts includes the following: (1) identifying libraries that would serve the Project; (2) projecting the future service population for the library that would serve the Project; (3) comparing the future service population to the service population of the LAPL building size standards as set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan Criteria for New Libraries; and (4) determining whether the Project's contribution to the future service population would cause the library to operate beyond its service capacity.

## **c. Project Design Features**

No project design features are proposed with regard to libraries.

## **d. Analysis of Project Impacts**

***Threshold (a): Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered government facilities (i.e., libraries), need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for libraries?***

## (1) Impact Analysis

### *(a) Construction*

Construction of the Project would result in a temporary increase in the number of construction workers on the Project Site. Due to the employment patterns of construction workers in Southern California, and the operation of the market for construction labor, construction workers are not likely to relocate their households as a consequence of the construction job opportunities presented by the Project because construction workers move from construction site to construction site throughout the region as specific jobs are temporary/short-term in nature. Therefore, Project-related construction workers would not result in a notable increase in the resident population within the service area of the Hollywood Regional Branch Library, Cahuenga Branch Library, Los Feliz Branch Library, Wilshire Branch Library, and John C. Fremont Branch Library.

In addition, it is unlikely that construction workers would visit Project-area libraries on their way to/from work or during their lunch hours. Construction workers would likely use library facilities near their places of residence because lunch break times are typically not long enough (30 to 60 minutes) for construction workers to take advantage of library facilities, eat lunch, and return to work within the allotted time. It is also unlikely that construction workers would utilize library facilities on their way to work as the start of their work day generally occurs before the libraries open for service. Furthermore, it is unlikely that construction workers would utilize library facilities at the end of the work day, and would instead likely use library facilities local to their place of residence. Therefore, any increase in usage of the libraries by construction workers is anticipated to be negligible. As such, construction of the Project would not exceed the capacity of local libraries to adequately serve the existing residential population based on target service populations or as defined by the LAPL, which would result in the need for new or altered facilities, or substantially increase the demand for library services for which current demand exceeds the ability of the facility to adequately serve the population.

**Based on the above, Project construction would not result in the need for new or physically altered libraries, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.**

### *(b) Operation*

As described above, based on information provided by the LAPL, the Project Site is located within the service areas of the Hollywood Regional Library, Cahuenga Branch Library, Los Feliz Branch Library, and the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library.

As described in Section II, Project Description, of this Draft EIR, the Project Site is currently occupied by a one-story grocery store, vacant commercial space, and a one-story fast-food restaurant. As such, under existing conditions, the Project Site does not include a residential population that currently require library services. The Project would develop 735 residential units and up to 95,000 square feet of market/retail/restaurant space. According to American Community Survey data, the estimated household size for the City of Los Angeles is 2.41 persons per multi-family unit.<sup>22</sup> As such the Project Site, which would generate up to 1,771 residents and would increase the Project Site's demand for library services as compared to existing conditions.

According to the LAPL, the Hollywood Regional Library's current service population is approximately 74,774 persons. Under existing conditions, the Hollywood Regional Library currently meets the building size recommendations set forth in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan (i.e., 14,500 square feet for community with more than 45,000 population and up). With the addition of the Project's estimated 1,771 new residents, the service population of the 19,000-square-foot Hollywood Regional Library would increase from 74,774 to 76,545 persons. As such, the Hollywood Regional Library would continue to meet the recommended building size standards with or without the Project.

Under existing conditions, the Cahuenga Branch Library does not currently meet the recommended building size standard of 14,500 square feet for a service population greater than 45,000 persons. With the addition of the Project's estimated 1,771 residents, the service population for the 10,942-square-foot Cahuenga Branch Library would increase from 48,435 to 50,206 persons. Therefore, the Cahuenga Branch Library would continue its operations without meeting the recommended building size standards with or without the Project.

The Los Feliz Branch Library currently does not meet the recommended building size standard of 12,500 square feet for a service population below 45,000 persons. With the addition of the Project's estimated 1,771 residents, the service population for the 10,449-square-foot Los Feliz Branch Library would increase from 44,639 persons to 46,410 persons. With the addition of the Project, the recommended building size standard would increase to 14,500 square feet for a service population above 45,000. Nevertheless, as noted above, LAPL has no plans to build or expand libraries in the area and the Los Feliz Branch Library would continue its operation without meeting the recommended building size standards with or without the Project.

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<sup>22</sup> Based on a rate of 2.41 persons per multi-family unit based on 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Average Estimates per correspondence with Jack Tsao, Data Analyst II, Los Angeles Department of City Planning, June 12, 2020.

The Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library currently meets the recommended building size standard of 12,500 square feet for a service population below 45,000 persons. With the addition of the Project's estimated 1,771 residents, the service population for the 12,500-square-foot Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library would increase from 25,657 to 27,428 persons. As such, the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library would continue to meet the recommended building size standards with or without the Project.

With regard to anticipated library service at Project buildout, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) projects population growth for the City of Los Angeles Subregion. According to the 2016–2040 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (2016–2040 RTP/SCS), the City population is projected to grow by a rate of approximately 6.2 percent between 2017 (the Project's baseline year) and 2026 (the Project's buildout year).<sup>23</sup> In applying this growth rate to the identified libraries, the estimated service population in 2026 would be approximately 83,839 persons for the Hollywood Regional Library; 51,438 persons for the Cahuenga Branch Library; 47,407 persons for the Los Feliz Branch Library; and 27,248 persons for the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library.

Thus, with the addition of the Project's 1,771 estimated residents, the service population in 2026 would be approximately 85,610 persons for the 19,000-square-foot Hollywood Regional Branch Library, approximately 53,209 persons for the 10,942-square-foot Cahuenga Branch Library, approximately 49,178 persons for the 10,449-square-foot Los Feliz Branch Library, and approximately 29,019 persons for the 12,500-square-foot Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library. Therefore, with or without the Project under future conditions, the Hollywood Regional Library and Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library would continue to meet recommended building size standards and the Cahuenga Branch Library and Los Feliz Branch Library would continue operating without meeting the recommended building size standards.

The *L.A. CEQA Thresholds Guide* also considers whether a project includes features that would reduce the demand for library services. The Project's residential units would also be equipped to receive individual internet service, which provides information and research capabilities that studies have shown to reduce demand at physical library locations.<sup>24,25</sup> Furthermore, the Project would also generate revenues for the City's

<sup>23</sup> According to SCAG's 2016–2040 RTP/SCS, based on a linear interpolation of 2012–2040 data, the forecasted population for the City of Los Angeles Subregion in 2017 is approximately 3,981,911 persons, and the forecasted population for the City of Los Angeles Subregion in 2026 is anticipated to be approximately 4,227,450 persons. See also Section IV.G, *Population and Housing, and Employment*, of this Draft EIR.

<sup>24</sup> Troll, Denise A., *How and Why Libraries are Changing: What We Know and What We Need to Know*, Carnegie Mellon University, 2002.



General Fund (in the form of property taxes, sales tax revenue, etc.) that could be applied toward the provision of new library facilities, and related staffing for any one of the libraries serving the Project Site and vicinity, as deemed appropriate. The Project's revenue to the General Fund would help offset the Project-related increase in demand for library services.

With regard to the potential for the employees of the proposed uses to utilize nearby library facilities, the Project would generate 375 employees,<sup>26</sup> a net increase of 35 employees over existing conditions. These employment opportunities would include a range of full-time and part-time positions that would typically be filled by persons who already reside in the vicinity of the workplace and who already generate a demand for libraries in the vicinity of the Project Site. As such, any direct or indirect new demand for library services generated by employees of the proposed neighborhood-serving retail and restaurant uses would be negligible.

Based on the above, and pursuant to the library sizing standards recommended in the 2007 Branch Facilities Plan, operation of the Project would not create any new exceedance of the capacity of the Hollywood Regional Library, the Cahuenga Branch Library, Los Feliz Branch Library, and the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library. Under both existing and future conditions, without or with the Project, two of the four identified libraries would continue operations without meeting the recommended building size standards. However, residents of the Project would likely frequent the Hollywood Regional Library, which is the closest library to the Project and currently meets recommended building size standards. As such, to the extent that Project residents would visit other libraries, library usage would be expected to be dispersed between the primary regional branch library and the other three local branch libraries identified by the LAPL. Furthermore, the Project would not be anticipated to result in a substantial increase in demand that would necessitate new or physically altered facilities. Lastly, LAPL has been increasing their online services, including a variety of e-books, study materials, and support, available to users through the LAPL online resources.<sup>27</sup> These online sources would further reduce the Project's impacts on LAPL services. **Therefore, the Project would not result in the need for new or altered facilities, or substantially increase the demand for library service for which current demand exceeds the ability of the facility to adequately serve the population. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation measures are required.**

<sup>25</sup> Tenopir, Carol, "Use and Users of Electronic Library Resources: An Overview and Analysis of Recent Research Studies," 2003.

<sup>26</sup> Based on the employee generation rates in City of Los Angeles VMT Calculator Documentation, Version 1.3, May 2020.

<sup>27</sup> Los Angeles Public Library, Strategic Plan 2015–2020, June 2015, page 12.

## (2) Mitigation Measures

Project-level impacts with regard to library services would be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

## (3) Level of Significance After Mitigation

The Project's impact related to libraries was determined to be less than significant without mitigation. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required, and the impact remains less than significant.

# e. Cumulative Impacts

## (1) Impact Analysis

Cumulative growth in the greater Project area through 2026 includes specific known development projects, as well as general ambient growth projected to occur. As identified in Section III, Environmental Setting, of this Draft EIR, there are 100 related projects located in the Project vicinity

As discussed in Section III, Environmental Setting, of this Draft EIR, the projected growth reflected by Related Project Nos. 1 through 100 is a conservative assumption, as some of the related projects may not be built out by 2026 (i.e., the Project buildout year), may never be built, or may be approved and built at reduced densities. To provide a conservative forecast, the future baseline forecast assumes that Related Project Nos. 1 through 100 are fully built out by 2026, unless otherwise noted. Moreover, 2026 is a similar projected buildout year as many of the 100 related projects that have been identified.

As shown in Table IV.H.4-2 on page IV.H.4-15, of the 100 related projects, 64 related projects are residential in nature or have residential components. The residential population of a library's service area is the primary metric used by the LAPL for assessing the adequacy of library services and planning for future growth. The LAPL has not established any facilities criteria based on employment in a library's service area. Based on the proximity of some of the non-residential related projects to the three identified libraries, it is anticipated that employees generated by these non-residential related projects would be more likely to use the library facilities near their homes during non-work hours, as opposed to patronizing the three identified libraries on their way to or from work or during their lunch hours. As such, the non-residential related projects would not substantially contribute to the cumulative demand for library services.

**Table IV.H.4-2  
Related Projects with Cumulative Library Impacts**

<b>No.<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Estimated Service Population<sup>b</sup></b>
1.	Paseo Plaza Mixed-Use 5651 W. Santa Monica Blvd.	Condominiums	375 du	904
		Retail	377,900 sf	
2.	BLVD 6200 Mixed-Use 6200 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Live/Work (JLWQ)	28 du	68
		Apartments	1,014 du	2,444
		Retail	175,000 sf	
4.	Yucca Street Condos 6230 W. Yucca St.	Apartments	114 du	275
		Commercial	2,697 sf	
6.	Archstone Hollywood Mixed-Use Project 6901–6911 W. Santa Monica Blvd.	Apartments	231 du	557
		High-Turnover Restaurant	5,000 sf	
		General Retail	10,000 sf	
7.	Mixed-Use 5245 W. Santa Monica Blvd.	Apartments	49 du	119
		Retail	32,272 sf	
9.	Hollywood Production Center 1149 N. Gower St.	Apartments	57 du	138
10.	Hollywood Gower Mixed-Use 6100 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	220 du	531
		Restaurant	3,270 sf	
17.	Western Galleria Market 100 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	187 du	451
		Retail	76,500 sf	
19.	Selma Community Housing 1603 N. Cherokee Ave.	Apartments	66 du	160
22.	Residential 712 N. Wilcox Ave.	Apartments	103 du	249
23.	Mixed-Use 1600–1610 N. Highland Ave.	Apartments	248 du	598
		Retail	12,785 sf	
24.	Millennium Hollywood Mixed-Use Project 1740 N. Vine St.	Apartments	492 du	1,186
		Hotel	200 rm	
		Office	100,000 sf	
		Fitness Club	35,000 sf	
		Retail	15,000 sf	
		Restaurant	34,000 sf	
26.	Apartments 1411 N. Highland Ave.	Apartments	76 du	184
		Commercial	2,500 sf	
27.	Apartment Project 1824 N. Highland Ave.	Apartments	118 du	285
29.	The Lexington Mixed-Use 6677 W. Santa Monica Blvd.	Apartments	695 du	1,675
		Commercial	24,900 sf	

**Table IV.H.4-2 (Continued)**  
**Related Projects with Cumulative Library Impacts**

<b>No.<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Estimated Service Population<sup>b</sup></b>
30.	Columbia Square Mixed-Use 6121 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	200 du	482
		Office	422,610 sf	
		Retail/Restaurant	41,300 sf	
		Hotel	125 rm	
31.	Mixed-Use (High Line West) 5550 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	280 du	675
		Retail	12,030 sf	
33.	Las Palmas Residential (Hollywood Cherokee) 1718 N. Las Palmas Ave.	Residential	224 du	540
		Retail	985 sf	
34.	Sunset & Vine Mixed-Use 1538 N. Vine St.	Apartments	306 du	738
		Retail	68,000 sf	
35.	Condos & Retail 5663 Melrose Ave.	Condominiums	96 du	232
		Retail	3,350 sf	
36.	6250 Sunset (Nickelodeon) 6250 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	200 du	482
		Retail	4,700 sf	
37.	Hollywood Central Park Hollywood Freeway (US-101)	Park	625,086 sf	
		Amphitheater	500 seats	
		Inn	5 rm	
		Community Center	30,000 sf	
		Banquet Space	15,000 sf	
		Commercial	29,000 sf	
		Low Income Apartment	15 du	37
40.	1717 Bronson Avenue 1717 N. Bronson Ave.	Apartments	89 du	215
42.	Mixed-Use 1350 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	200 du	482
		Guest Rooms	4 rm	
		Retail/Restaurant	5,500 sf	
43.	Palladium Residences 6201 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	731 du	1,762
		Retail/Restaurant	24,000 sf	
44.	5600 West Hollywood Boulevard 5600 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	33 du	80
		Commercial	1,289 sf	
45.	5750 Hollywood 5750 Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	161 du	389
		Commercial	4,747 sf	
46.	2014 Residential 707 N. Cole Ave.	Apartments	84 du	203
48.	Academy Square 1341 Vine St.	Office	285,719 sf	
		Apartments	200 du	482
		Restaurant	16,135 sf	
50.	Mixed-Use 901 N. Vine St.	Apartments	70 du	169
		Commercial	3,000 sf	



**Table IV.H.4-2 (Continued)**  
**Related Projects with Cumulative Library Impacts**

<b>No.<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Estimated Service Population<sup>b</sup></b>
51.	Apartments 525 N. Wilton Pl.	Apartments	88 du	213
53.	Mixed-Use 1233 N. Highland Ave.	Apartments	72 du	174
		Commercial	12,160 sf	
54.	Mixed-Use 1310 N. Cole Ave.	Apartments	369 du	890
		Office	2,570 sf	
56.	City Lights Mixed-Use 1515 N. Hillhurst Ave.	Apartments	202 du	487
		Retail	5,350 sf	
		Restaurant	5,050 sf	
		Coffee/Donut Shop	3,025 sf	
59.	Hollywood Crossroads 1540–1552 Highland Ave.	Residential	950 du	2,290
		Hotel	308 rm	
		Office	95,000 sf	
		Commercial/Retail	185,000 sf	
61.	Apartments 5460 W. Fountain Ave.	Apartments	75 du	181
62.	Mixed-Use 6220 W. Yucca St.	Hotel	210 rm	
		Apartments	136 du	328
		Restaurant	6,980 sf	
63.	SunWest Project (Mixed-Use) 5525 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	293 du	707
		Commercial	33,980 sf	
64.	Hollywood De Longpre Apartments 5632 De Longpre Ave.	Apartments	185 du	446
67.	Mixed-Use 1657 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	91 du	220
		Retail	15,300 sf	
68.	McCadden Campus (LGBT) 1118 N. McCadden Pl.	Housing	45 du	109
		Social Service Support Facility	50,325 sf	
		Office	17,040 sf	
		Commercial Retail/ Restaurant	1,885 sf	
		Temporary Housing <sup>c</sup>	100 beds	
69.	4900 Hollywood Mixed-Use 4900 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	150 du	362
		Retail	13,813 sf	
71.	Apartments 1749 Las Palmas Ave.	Apartments	70 du	169
		Retail	3,117 sf	
72.	Mixed-Use 1868 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	96 du	232
		Retail	5,546 sf	
73.	6400 Sunset Mixed-Use 6400 Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	232 du	560
		Restaurant	7,000 sf	

**Table IV.H.4-2 (Continued)**  
**Related Projects with Cumulative Library Impacts**

<b>No.<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Estimated Service Population<sup>b</sup></b>
74.	AMCAL—Meridian Apartments 241 N. Vermont Ave.	Apartments	100 du	241
		Retail	4,134 sf	
76.	6200 West Sunset Boulevard 6200 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	270 du	651
		Quality Restaurant	1,750 sf	
		Pharmacy	2,300 sf	
		Retail	8,070 sf	
77.	747 North Western Avenue 747 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	44 du	107
		Retail	7,700 sf	
78.	6630 West Sunset Boulevard 6630 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	40 du	97
79.	Sunset-Junction 4000–4301 Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	297 du	716
		Commercial	25,877 sf	
80.	Hollywood & Wilcox 6430–6440 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	260 du	627
		Office	3,580 sf	
		Retail	11,020 sf	
		Restaurant	3,200 sf	
81.	Mixed-Use 4914 W. Melrose Ave.	Live/Work	45 du	109
		Retail	3,760 sf	
83.	Postpartum Extended Care & Retail 257 S. Mariposa Ave.	Apartments	112 du	270
		Commercial	4,630 sf	
84.	Onni Group Mixed-Use Development 1360 N. Vine St.	Condominium	429 du	1,034
		Grocery	55,000 sf	
		Retail	5,000 sf	
		Restaurant	8,988 sf	
86.	Mixed-Use 5939 W. Sunset Blvd.	Apartments	299 du	721
		Office	38,440 sf	
		Restaurant	5,064 sf	
		Retail	3,739 sf	
87.	Melrose & Beachwood 5570 W. Melrose Ave.	Apartments	52 du	126
		Commercial	5,500 sf	
88.	Modera Argyle 1546 N. Argyle Ave.	Apartments	276 du	666
		Retail	9,000 sf	
		Restaurant	15,000 sf	
89.	Montecito Senior Housing 6650 W. Franklin Ave.	Senior Apartments	68 du	164
91.	6140 Hollywood 6140 Hollywood Blvd.	Hotel	102 rm	
		Condominium	27 du	66
		Restaurant	11,460 sf	
93.	Apartments 1601 N. Las Palmas Ave.	Apartments	86 du	208

**Table IV.H.4-2 (Continued)**  
**Related Projects with Cumulative Library Impacts**

<b>No.<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Estimated Service Population<sup>b</sup></b>
94.	Mixed-Use 600 N. Vermont Ave.	Apartments	80 du	193
		Retail	14,780 sf	
95.	1723 North Wilcox Residential 1723 N. Wilcox Ave.	Apartments	68 du	164
		Retail	3,700 sf	
96.	Select @ Los Feliz (Mixed-Use) 4850 W. Hollywood Blvd.	Apartments	101 du	244
		Restaurant	10,000 sf	
99.	1276 North Western Avenue 1276 N. Western Ave.	Apartments	75 du	181
<b>Related Projects Service Population</b>			<b>12,745 du</b> <b>100 beds</b>	<b>30,745</b>
<b>Project Service Population</b>			<b>735 du</b>	<b>1,771</b>
<b>Total Service Population for Related Projects and Project</b>			<b>13,480 du</b> <b>100 beds</b>	<b>32,516</b>
<p><i>du = dwelling units</i>  <i>sf = square foot</i>  <i>rm = rooms</i></p> <p><sup>a</sup> <i>Related Project Nos. 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20, 21, 25, 28, 32, 38, 39, 41, 47, 49, 52, 55, 57, 58, 60, 65, 66, 70, 75, 82, 85, 90, 92, 97, 98, and 100 are not residential in nature or do not have residential components. These projects are not included in this analysis of cumulative impacts to libraries.</i></p> <p><sup>b</sup> <i>Based on a rate of 2.41 persons per multi-family unit based on 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Average Estimates per correspondence with Jack Tsao, Data Analyst II, Los Angeles Department of City Planning, June 12, 2020.</i></p> <p><sup>c</sup> <i>Based on the assumption that the number of beds is equivalent to the estimated service population for this related project.</i></p> <p><i>Source: Eyestone Environmental, 2021.</i></p>				

As shown in Table IV.H.4-2 on page IV.H.4-15, implementation of the 64 applicable residential related projects would result in the development of approximately 12,745 new residential units. Based on an average household size of 2.41 persons per household,<sup>28</sup> the new residential units associated with the related projects would generate a service population of approximately 30,745 residents. Therefore, the applicable related projects

<sup>28</sup> *Based on a rate of 2.41 persons per multi-family unit based on 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Average Estimates per correspondence with Jack Tsao, Data Analyst II, Los Angeles Department of City Planning, June 12, 2020.*

and the Project's generation of 1,771 residents would add a total of approximately 32,516 residents to the service populations of the identified by the LAPL.

Furthermore, this estimate is considered conservative as it does not account for the removal of existing uses and their associated existing residential populations resulting from the development of the related projects.

Additionally, residents from 42 of the related projects would reside closer to the Hollywood Regional Branch Library.<sup>29</sup> Residents from 8 other related projects would reside closer to the Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library,<sup>30</sup> residents from 11 of the related projects would reside closer to the Cahuenga Branch Library,<sup>31</sup> and residents from 3 related projects would reside closer to the Los Feliz Branch Library.<sup>32</sup> Therefore, these residents would be more likely to utilize the libraries closer in proximity as their primary libraries which would not result in an increased demand at any one location that would be anticipated to result in the need for new or expanded facilities.

Furthermore, similar to the Project, each related project would generate revenues to the City's General Fund (in the form of property taxes, sales tax, business tax, transient occupancy tax, etc.) that could be applied toward the provision of enhancing library services in the Community Plan area, as deemed appropriate. These revenues to the City's General Fund would help offset the increase in demand for library services as a result of the Project and the related projects. **Therefore, the Project's contribution to cumulative impacts on libraries would not be cumulatively considerable, and cumulative impacts on libraries would be less than significant.**

## (2) Mitigation Measures

Cumulative impacts to libraries would be less than significant. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

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<sup>29</sup> *Related Project Nos. 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 19, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 54, 62, 63, 64, 67, 68, 71, 72, 73, 76, 78, 80, 84, 86, 88, 89, 91, 93, and 95.*

<sup>30</sup> *Related Project Nos. 6, 22, 29, 35, 46, 50, 53, and 87.*

<sup>31</sup> *Related Project Nos. 7, 17, 51, 61, 74, 77, 79, 81, 83, 94, and 99.*

<sup>32</sup> *Related Project Nos. 56, 69, and 96.*



### (3) Level of Significance After Mitigation

Cumulative impacts related to libraries were determined to be less than significant without mitigation. Therefore, no mitigation measures are required, and the impact levels remains less than significant.