



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2020
SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE THORNTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CONVERSION PROJECT
Lead Agency: Fremont Unified School District
Project Title: Thornton Middle School Conversion Project
Project Location: City of Fremont (see Figure 1 – Regional and Vicinity Map)
State Clearinghouse No. 2019029016

Project Description: The Thornton Middle School Conversion project would convert Fremont Unified School District's (FUSD) existing Thornton Junior High School, at 4357 Thornton Avenue in the City of Fremont, from a 7th and 8th grade junior high school to middle school with 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The Project would include construction of new buildings and facilities on the existing campus, and upgrades to existing campus facilities. The project is intended to support an increase in school capacity from 1,259 students to 2,176 students.

Probable Effects on the Environment: The Draft EIR prepared for the project identifies less-than-significant effects in the following categories: Aesthetics, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources and Utilities and Service Systems. The Draft EIR identifies significant-but-mitigable effects in the following categories: Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise and Transportation. No significant and unavoidable impacts are identified.

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires this notice to disclose whether any listed hazardous materials sites are present at the site. As discussed in Chapter 4.8, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, of the Draft EIR, a Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)-approved Preliminary Endangerment Analysis (PEA) was performed for the site and concluded that No Further Action is required. The project site does not contain hazardous waste sites.

Public Review: A 45-day public review period for the draft EIR will start on January 17, 2020 and end on March 3, 2020.

Please send all written comments (electronic communication preferred) to:

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Comments on the Draft EIR are due no later than the close of the 45-day public review period on March 3, 2020.

Copies of the Draft EIR will be on file for public review at FUSD (4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, California, 94538), Thornton Junior High School (4357 Thornton Avenue, Fremont, California, 94538) and on the FUSD Facilities and Construction webpage at https://fUSD-ca.schoolloop.com/pf4/cms2/view_page?d=x&group_id=1524555101600&vdid=i1k7a1urevyx. Public agencies providing comments are asked to include a contact person for the agency. Please use “Thornton Middle School Conversion EIR” as the subject line for email submittals.

Public Hearing: A Public Hearing to receive comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR will be held before the FUSD Board of Education on February 12, 2020 at or after 6:30 p.m., in the Education Center Board Room (4210 Technology Drive, Fremont, CA 94538).