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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: Arlington High School Modernization and New Construction Measure O Project

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Riverside Unified School District (RUSD or District), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR)(SCH #2020029047) for the Arlington High School Modernization and New Construction Measure O Project pursuant to the California Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 13, Section 21000 et seq. (CEQA Statute) and the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Section 15000 et seq. (CEQA Guidelines).

The purpose of this notice is to (1) serve the public Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft EIR pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and (2) advise and solicit comments regarding the content of the Draft EIR. Comments should, at a minimum, identify the significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures that should be explored in the EIR, in addition to whether the responding agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the proposed project, and any related issues raised by interested parties.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is within the campus of Arlington High School, at 2951 Jackson Street, City of Riverside, County of Riverside (Assessor's Parcel Numbers 233-220-010 and 233-250-001). The 45-acre campus is bounded by Irving Street to the east, a Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway Company right-of-way to the north (used by freight, Amtrak, and Metrolink trains), Jackson Street to the west, and Lincoln Avenue to the south.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Riverside Unified School District is planning several changes to Arlington High School. The project includes removal of 7 portable buildings and 8 handball courts; construction of a 10,262-sf Biomed/Special Education building, 8,755-sf Auxiliary Gymnasium, a 2,000-sf concession/restroom building; expansion of the bleachers at the track and field (1,250-seat home side expansion and new 1,000-seat visitor side bleachers) and upgrades to the existing stadium field sports lighting; modernization (interior layout and façade) of the Media Arts Academy building, Administration Building, Student Service Building; and upgrades to the outdoor swimming pool and equipment.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The project would not have significant environmental impacts. Hazardous Materials Statement: The project site is not listed on any list of hazardous waste sites prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is from **Wednesday, April 29, 2020 to Monday, June 15, 2020**. In accordance with the time limits mandated by State law, if there are any concerns about the scope and content of the information to be addressed in EIR, please send written comments to the District, at the address below, at the earliest possible date but not later than **Monday, June 15, 2020**.

The Draft EIR is available for review on the RUSD website: <http://bit.ly/ArlingtonEIR>

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Please indicate a contact person and send your comments to:

Riverside Unified School District
Facilities Planning and Development Office
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ATTN: Gaby Adame, Assistant Director, Planning and Development

Comments can also be sent by e-mail to gadame@riversideunified.org
Please include "CEQA Arlington HS" in the subject line.

If you require additional information, please contact Gaby Adame at (951) 788-7496 ext. 84708.

BOARD HEARING: The Riverside Unified School District Board of Education will consider the proposed project and certification of the Final EIR at a meeting tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2020, at 5:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible. The hearing will be held at the RUSD Board Room located at Riverside Adult School, 6735 Magnolia Avenue. Please confirm the date and time of the meeting by checking the District website at http://riversideunified.org/board_of_education