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Attachment A

Project Description

A. Introduction

The Curtis School Foundation (Curtis School or School) proposes the Curtis School Project (the Project) that consists of improvements to the existing approximately 27-acre Curtis School campus (Project Site) located in the Encino-Tarzana Community of the City of Los Angeles. The Project is described in more detail in Section B, below. The Project proposes the removal of some existing buildings, the reconfiguration, rehabilitation, and expansion of existing educational facilities, construction of new buildings, redefinition of the existing open space and gardens, the reconfiguration of existing parking lots and athletic fields, and the addition of a secondary limited access road from Mulholland Drive utilizing an existing California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) construction staging area and access driveway from Mulholland Drive. The proposed improvements are intended to modernize the campus and reconfigure aging facilities to incorporate current technologies into the classroom and provide separate artistic and athletic facilities. The School is currently permitted an enrollment of up to 675 students. The School does not propose to increase the number of permitted students. Moreover, the Project would not add any new homeroom classrooms that would permit an increase in enrollment over the currently allowed 675 students. The Project is designed to modernize the campus allowing the School to integrate new teaching methods, techniques and technology by creating specialty classroom spaces (e.g., science and art, etc.), and developing needed athletic facilities (e.g., gym and athletic building).

1. Project Location

The 27-acre Project Site is located within the Encino-Tarzana Community of the City of Los Angeles, approximately 17 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles and seven miles east of the Pacific Ocean. As shown in Figure A-1 on page A-2, regional access is provided by the San Diego Freeway (I-405), located approximately 0.1 mile east of the Project Site.