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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PIO PICO LIBRARY POCKET PARK & UNDERGROUND PARKING STRUCTURE PROJECT (WO: E1908188)

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Article 7 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering has prepared an Initial Study for the project described below. Under CEQA, the City identified no significant impacts and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

PROJECT LOCATION AND SETTING: The proposed Project is located at 694 South Oxford Avenue in the Koreatown neighborhood in the central portion of the City of Los Angeles. The Project site is generally bound by an office building to the north, South Serrano Avenue on the east, 7th Street on the south, and South Oxford Avenue on the west. The area immediately surrounding the Project site is completely urbanized and developed with commercial buildings and community open space to the north, various commercial buildings to the east and west, and multi-family residential dwellings to the south. Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project involves the construction and operation of a new pocket park and underground parking structure on the site of the existing surface parking lot serving the Pio Pico Koreatown Library. The proposed Project would incorporate the western façade of the existing library into the park, providing some external façade finishings, window/window seat, and a shade trellis. Additionally, minor repairs to the other façades of the existing library would be performed, including cleaning, window updates, surface repairs, and re-touching, where needed. The proposed parking structure would accommodate approximately 50 parking spaces in one subterranean level. It is anticipated that the parking structure would be operational during the same hours that the Pio Pico Koreatown Public Library is open to the public. The proposed pocket park would be located at the ground level in the footprint of the existing surface parking lot. Proposed park elements include a multi-purpose event area to accommodate public events, such as performances, fairs, reading, etc.; a playground; a shade structure; a fitness area; a walking loop; and benches and tables. Landscaped elements would be provided throughout the park and would include trees, shrubs and planter areas. Approximately 75 bicycle parking spaces would be provided along the northern boundary of the Project site and approximately 21 bicycle parking spaces along the southern boundary at 7th Street. The proposed Project also involves the conversion of the 12 existing parallel street parking spots adjacent to the library to approximately 17 angled parking spots on 7th Street and 11 angled parking spots on Serrano Avenue. Additionally, to provide adequate facilities for the anticipated users of the park and existing library, the restroom facilities within the library would be expanded and upgraded, which requires minor modifications internal to the existing restroom facilities.

As a covered entity under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Los Angeles does not discriminate on the basis of disability and upon request will provide reasonable accommodation to ensure equal access to its programs, services and activities.



PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The proposed Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be circulated for a twenty (20) day public review period, beginning on August 1, 2019 and concluding on August 21, 2019. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

- Pio Pico – Koreatown Branch Library, 694 S. Oxford Ave Los Angeles CA, 90005
- Los Angeles Central Library, 630 W. 5th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Council District 10 Office, 200 N. Spring Street, Room 430, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, EMG, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90015

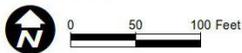
A copy of the document may also be obtained by contacting Talmage Maxwell Jordan of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5754, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website at: <http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/projects.htm>

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 21, 2019 by mailing, emailing (please include “Pio Pico Library Pocket Park & Underground Parking Structure Comments” in the subject line), faxing to (213) 847-0656, or hand delivery to:

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City of Los Angeles
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Source: Esri 2019.



 Project Site

Figure 1
Project Location Map