



Glendale Unified School District
Preparing Our Students for Their Future

Crescenta Valley High School Field Improvement Project

GUSD Board Meeting
September 28, 2021
Information Report No. 6

Agenda

1. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process
2. Project Description
3. Overview of Environmental Impacts
4. Public Participation & Input during Public Review Period
5. Public Comments



California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)



Purpose of CEQA

- All discretionary projects in California are required to undergo environmental review to determine the environmental impacts.
- CEQA informs the public and decision makers about the project and about the potential environmental impacts.
- CEQA identifies feasible ways to avoid or reduce potential impacts.
- CEQA discloses any significant and unavoidable impacts.
- CEQA provides an opportunity for the public and local/state agencies to comment on the environmental issues.



Overview of EIR Process

Notice of Preparation/Initial Study

- 30-day public review period (02/20/20 – 03/20/20)
- Scoping Meeting 03/05/2020 (*Public Input*)

Prepare and Publish Draft EIR

- 45-day public review period (01/21/21 - 03/08/21)
- Public Meeting 02/17/21 (*Public Input*)

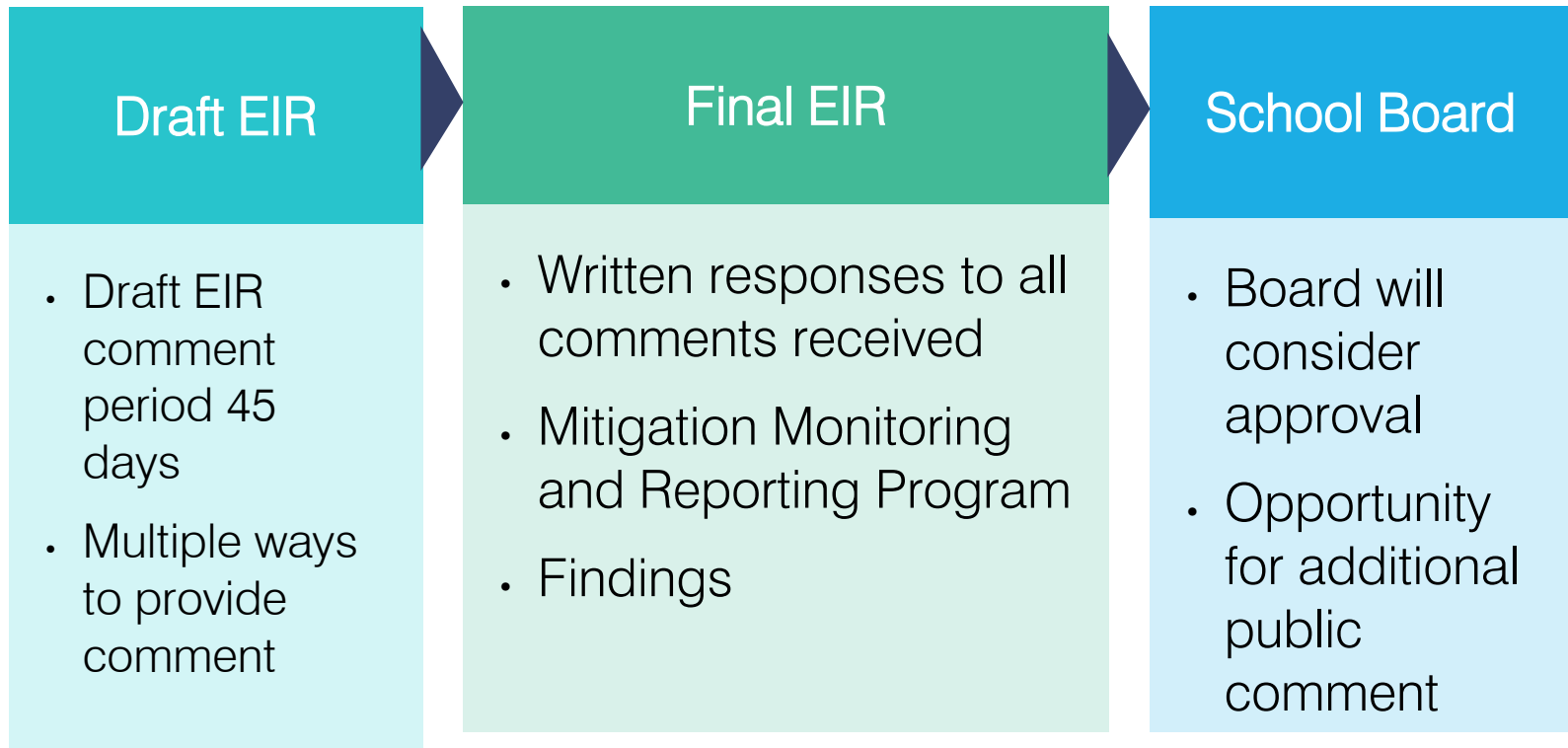
Prepare and Publish Response to Comments/Final EIR (September 17, 2021)

School Board Considers Adoption of Project (September 28, 2021) ←

- Board Hearing to consider approval of the project, certification of the EIR, and authorization for release of funds for a portion of the project (*Public Input*)
- School Board prepares Findings of Fact
- School Board prepares Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
- School Board prepares Statement of Overriding Considerations



Opportunities to Participate



Project Description



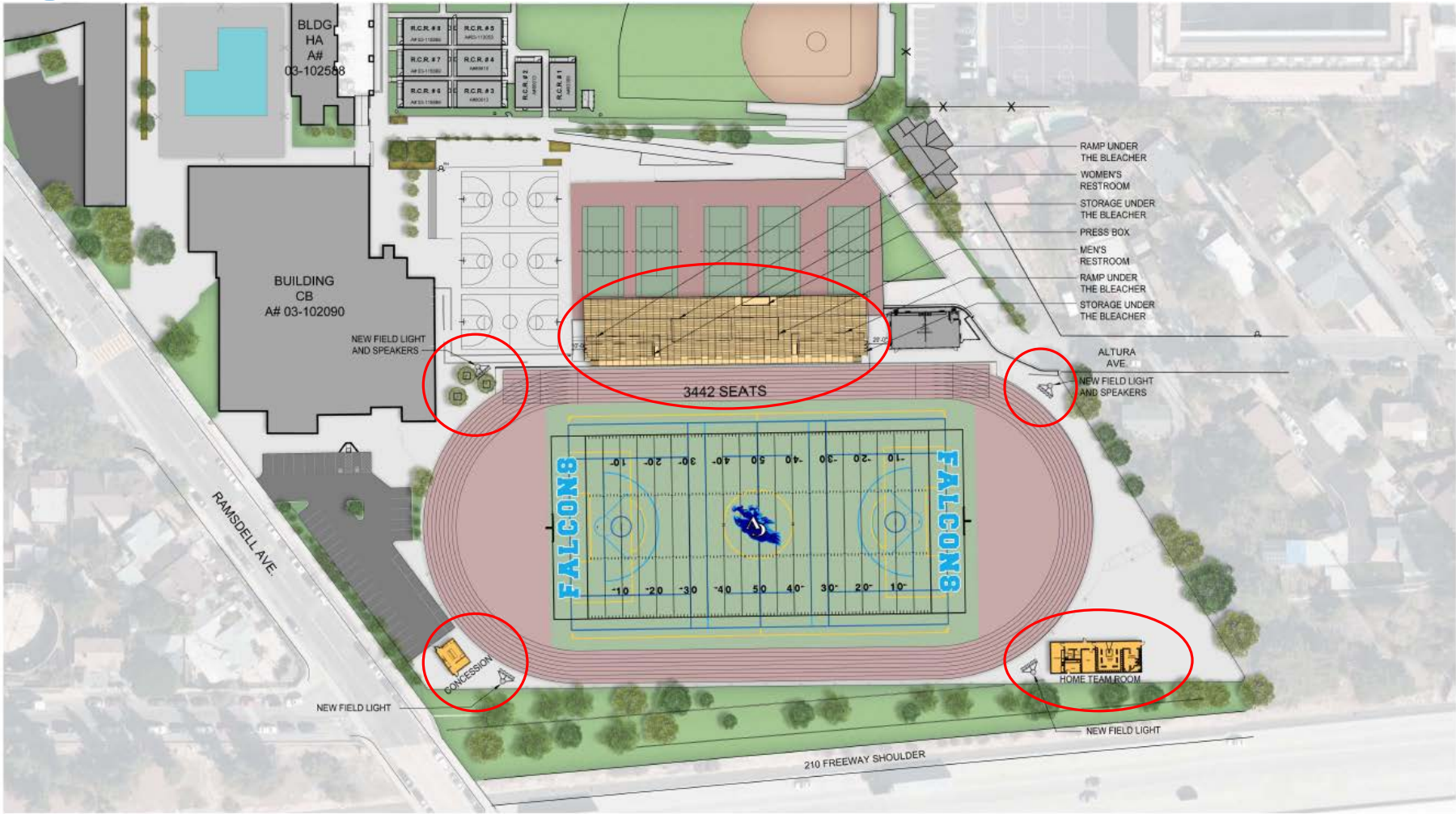
Project Features

- Main Bleachers-3,442 seating capacity*
 - Storage Room
 - Restrooms
 - Press Box
- Home Team Room
- Concession Stand
- Score Board
- Field Lighting (4 fixtures)
 - Public Address (PA) System

**Please note, GUSD is recommending approval of funding for 1,714 capacity at this time.*



Site Plan



Project Details

Table 3-1 Proposed Athletic Field Improvements

Component	Description
Main Bleachers	3,442 seating capacity 43 feet high 58 feet wide 248 feet long 200-square-foot press box 14,500 total square footage
Concession Stand	540 total square footage 3 sinks 4 service windows
Storage Room	1,300 total square footage
Restrooms	1,860 total square footage
Home Team Room	2,254 total square footage
Scoreboard	10 feet high 32 feet wide
Field Lighting (4)	100 feet tall 12 fixtures per pole 26-inch x 21-inch 1,430W LED lighting fixtures 2 poles would include a public address (PA) system



Aerial View



Field Use and Project Construction

- Field Use and Scheduling
 - Track and Field existing uses for campus events/practices and outside sporting events
 - Larger events occur at other District campuses (Glendale HS)
 - Highest attended event is Varsity Football games (1,600 attendance)
 - Would be relocated back to their home school
 - Use schedule dependent on season (Table 3-2 of Draft EIR)
- Construction anticipated to begin in Summer 2023
 - 18 – 24 months duration



Project Objectives

1. Provide lighting to allow night use of the track and field to accommodate school-related events and activities.
2. Provide bleachers with adequate capacity to accommodate various spectator events currently held on and off campus.
3. Utilize existing space to enhance opportunities for after-school athletic and extracurricular activities.
4. Enhance sense of community by allowing home football games to occur on campus.
5. Upgrade the athletic fields to boost school pride.



Overview of Environmental Impacts



Initial Study Findings:

No Impact or Less than Significant Impact

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Recreation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

These issues are discussed in Appendix A of the Draft EIR



Issues Analyzed in the Draft EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Energy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Transportation
- Public Services
- Wildfire



Technical Studies Prepared

Lighting Level /
Photometric
Study

Air Quality Study

Noise Study

Traffic and
Parking Study



Draft EIR Findings: Less than Significant

The Project was determined to have a “Less than Significant Impact” on:

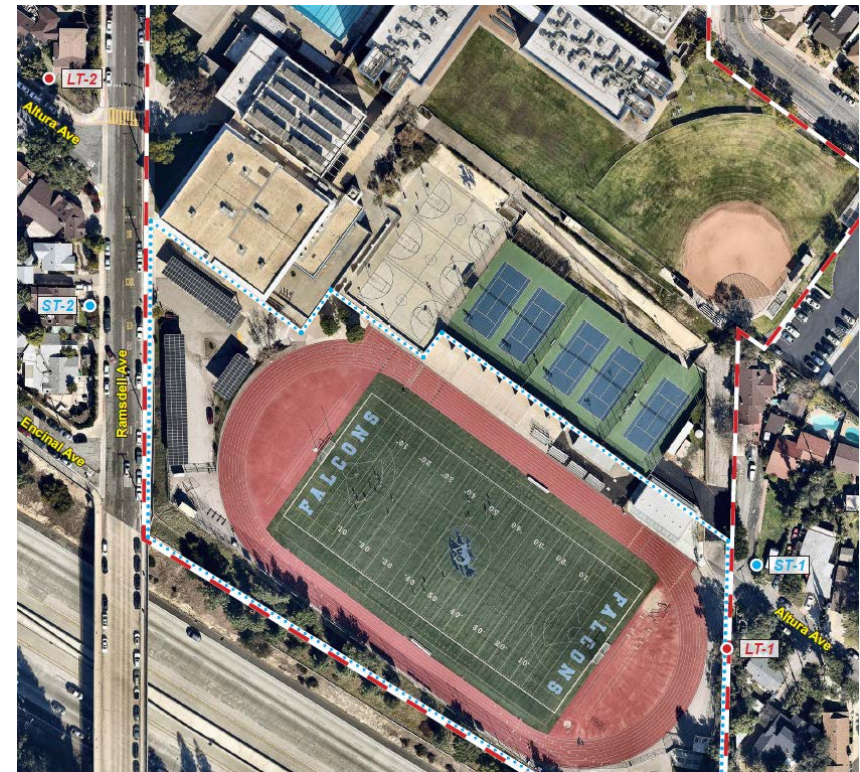
- Air Quality
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Public Services
- Wildfire

No Mitigation Measures were required.



Draft EIR Findings: Less than Significant with Mitigation

- Temporary construction noise could exceed noise thresholds
 - Sound barrier installation
 - Construction equipment controls



Draft EIR Findings: Significant and Unavoidable Impacts with Mitigation

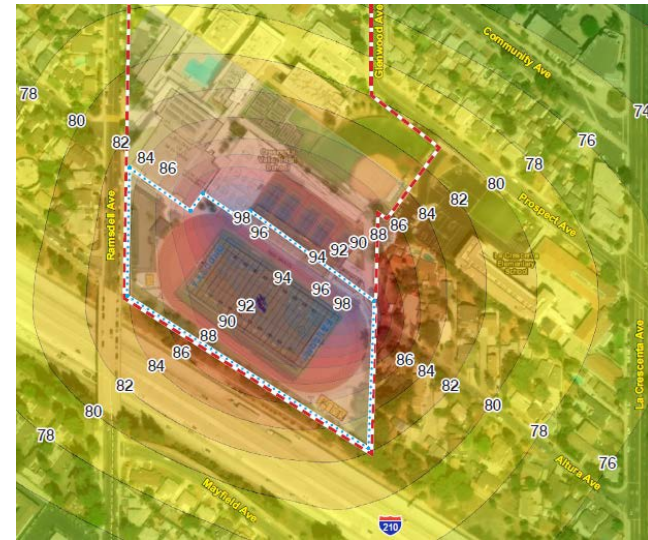
The Project was determined to have a “Significant and Unavoidable Impact even with Mitigation Incorporated” on:

- Noise: Operational-Generated Noise
- Aesthetics: Operational Light Trespass
- Transportation: Parking



Noise: Operational

- Noise levels during special events and games would exceed the existing ambient noise levels by more than 10 dBA.
- Mitigation Measure N-2 :
 - Development of a Noise Control Plan
 - Track and field Sound System Design Plan
 - Retain a qualified acoustical consultant



Even after mitigation, periodic noise increases could exceed thresholds resulting in a temporary significant and unavoidable impact

Aesthetics: Light Trespass

- Light levels along **I-210** and **Mayfield Avenue** would exceed the County's 0.5 foot-candle threshold.
- Mitigation Measure AES-1:
 - Shield and directed lighting system
 - Automatic shutoff at 10:00 p.m.

Even after mitigation, light increase could exceed thresholds resulting in a temporary significant and unavoidable impact



Transportation: Parking

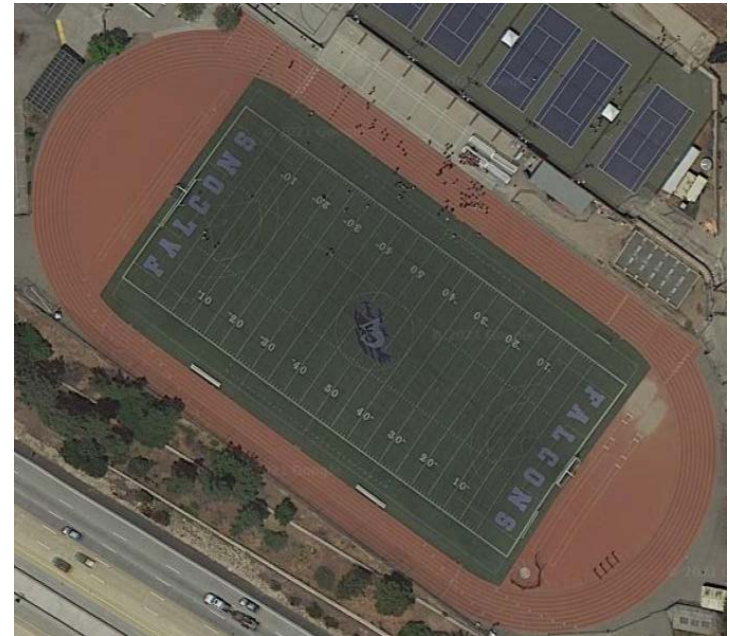
- Estimated event parking demand: **1,053** spaces
- A deficiency of 205 parking spaces was identified
- Mitigation Measure T-1 :
Development of Event Traffic Control Plan

Even after mitigation, temporary deficiency of parking during events would result in a significant and unavoidable impact



Alternatives

- No Project Alternative
 - Lessen environmental impacts in all areas
 - Considered environmentally superior to the proposed project
 - Does not meet any of the project objectives



Alternatives

- Bleacher and Field Improvements with No Lighting Alternative
 - Reduce environmental impacts in some areas
 - Considered environmentally superior to the proposed project
 - Does not meet the project objectives 1, 3, and 4



Public Participation & Input During Public Review Period



Input Received during Draft EIR Public Review Period

Public Review Period: January 21, 2021 to March 8, 2021

Public Meeting: February 17, 2021

Public Comments:

- Public comments were received in writing (letters, emails, and google form) and verbally (public meeting and voicemail line)
- 58 public comment letters were received including 2 from public agencies and 56 from residents



Topics Raised during the Comment Period

- **Aesthetics** (lighting, visual quality, and littering)
- **Noise** (construction and operation)
- **Public safety** (security, crimes, and vandalism)
- **Transportation** (vehicle and pedestrian circulation, parking, and pedestrian safety)

No comments raised presented result in need for recirculation (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5)



Updates to DEIR following Public Comments

- Closure of pedestrian access from Altura Avenue
- Clarification of the District's *School Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Agreement for Special Events* with Los Angeles Sheriff Department
- Update Los Angeles Sheriff Department's response time in 2018-2019



Updates to DEIR following Public Comments (Continued)

- **Mitigation Measure AE-1:**
 - Updated to include the provision of a voicemail phone number for residents to report non-emergency incidences
- **Mitigation Measure T-1:**
 - Updated to include consideration of a shuttle service during events



Final EIR

Documents available for review

Glendale Unified School District's website

<https://www.gusd.net/CVHSField>

