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Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Session for the Alameda High School Athletic Field Project

Alameda Unified School District (District) continues to implement campus modernization projects identified in the District's July 2022 Master Plan Revision (Master Plan), funded through Measure B bond proceeds. As part of that process, the District is commencing subsequent environmental review of an athletic field to serve the Alameda High School (AHS) athletic program. The new athletic field is proposed to be located at 1801 Sandcreek Way at the site of the former Lum Elementary school and current temporary campus. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) initiates the environmental review process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provides notice of a public scoping session to occur during the 30-day NOP comment period. Specific details are provided below.

Notice of Preparation

NOP Date:	July 7, 2026
To:	State Clearinghouse, Alameda County Clerk, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Federal Agencies, and Interested Parties
Lead Agency contact and where to submit comments:	Construction Department Alameda Unified School District 2060 Challenger Drive Alameda, CA 94501 P: (510) 337-7020 E: construction@alamedaunified.org
NOP Public Comment Period:	July 7, 2026, to August 6, 2026
Project Website:	https://www.alamedaunified.org/departments/construction/measure-b/alameda-high-school-athletic-field

Public Scoping Session

Meeting Date:	July 23, 2026
Meeting Time:	5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Meeting Location:	Wood/Otis Temporary Campus 1801 Sandcreek Way Alameda, California

Purpose of the Notice of Preparation

Consistent with CEQA, the District is the Lead Agency and is initiating the process of preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for development of a new athletic field to serve Alameda High School.

An EIR is a public, informational document used in the planning and decision-making process to assess potential environmental effects related to the planning, construction, and operation of a project. An EIR also identifies ways (mitigation measures) to reduce or avoid possible environmental impacts and discloses significant environmental impacts that cannot be avoided, growth-inducing impacts, and/or significant cumulative impacts of past, present and reasonably foreseeable future projects. An EIR must also identify a range of reasonable alternatives that meet the basic objectives of the project and identify the environmentally superior alternative. The EIR for the project will be prepared in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

This NOP is a request for comments from the public and public agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the project's EIR. Public agencies are invited to submit comments that are germane to each agency's statutory responsibilities relative to the proposed project.

Public Scoping Session

In order to assist the public and public agencies in evaluating the project, a Scoping Session[1] will be held on July 23, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Wood/Otis Temporary Campus, 1801 Sandcreek Way, Alameda. Staff from the District and the District's consultant will attend the session to provide available information, provide an overview of the CEQA process, and receive public input. Information obtained in the scoping session will be used to further develop the scope and content of the EIR.

Public Comment Period for the NOP

The public comment period for the NOP will close at 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2026. The public will also have the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR after it is published and will receive a Notice of Availability once it is available, anticipated in Fall 2026. Please send written comments to Alameda Unified School District, Construction Department, 2060 Challenger Drive, Alameda, CA 94501 or by email to construction@alamedaunified.org. If you have any questions about this NOP, please contact the Construction Department at (510) 337-7020.

Project Location

The new athletic field is proposed to be located at 1801 Sandcreek Way at the site of the former Lum Elementary school and current temporary campus. Please see the attached exhibit.

Project Background

In 2023, the District conducted an environmental review for the modernization project at Wood Middle School currently being constructed. The CEQA review for the Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction Phase 1 project was conducted in December 2023 and included the potential addition of a high school athletic field to serve Alameda High School at the location of the former Lum Elementary school and current temporary campus. At that time, the District committed to additional CEQA review of the athletic field project. A Subsequent EIR (as defined in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162) will be prepared to review the proposed athletic field at a project level though the process and content mirror that of a typical EIR. The issuance of this NOP initiates that process. The environmental review will utilize the same State Clearinghouse Number 2023110126 that was assigned to the 2023 environmental review.

[1] The project does not meet the definition of a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance pursuant to Section 15206 of the Guidelines and is therefore not required to have a public scoping meeting. A public scoping session is being hosted instead.

Proposed Project

The proposed athletic field would include a synthetic turf sports field and all-weather track to serve the Alameda High School sports program. The existing facility at Thompson Field is undersized and cannot be brought up to standards based on property limitations. Therefore, the District proposes to locate the athletic field on the existing temporary campus site after Wood MS and Otis ES new construction projects are completed.

The facility would include existing portable buildings that would be reconfigured as locker rooms. Restroom facilities would be provided for teams and spectators. Home and away bleacher seating could be located on either side of the field, but bleachers may be adjusted to one side or the other to reduce potential impacts. Storage for equipment would be provided. Site access would generally be via the new access roadway adjacent to Rittler Park.

The District anticipates that the athletic field would have a capacity for 1,500 attendees with up to 950 attendees expected for typical football games and events. Graduation could include up to 1,500 attendees and would occur one time per year in the morning. The Island Bowl event would occur every other year and include up to 1,500 attendees.

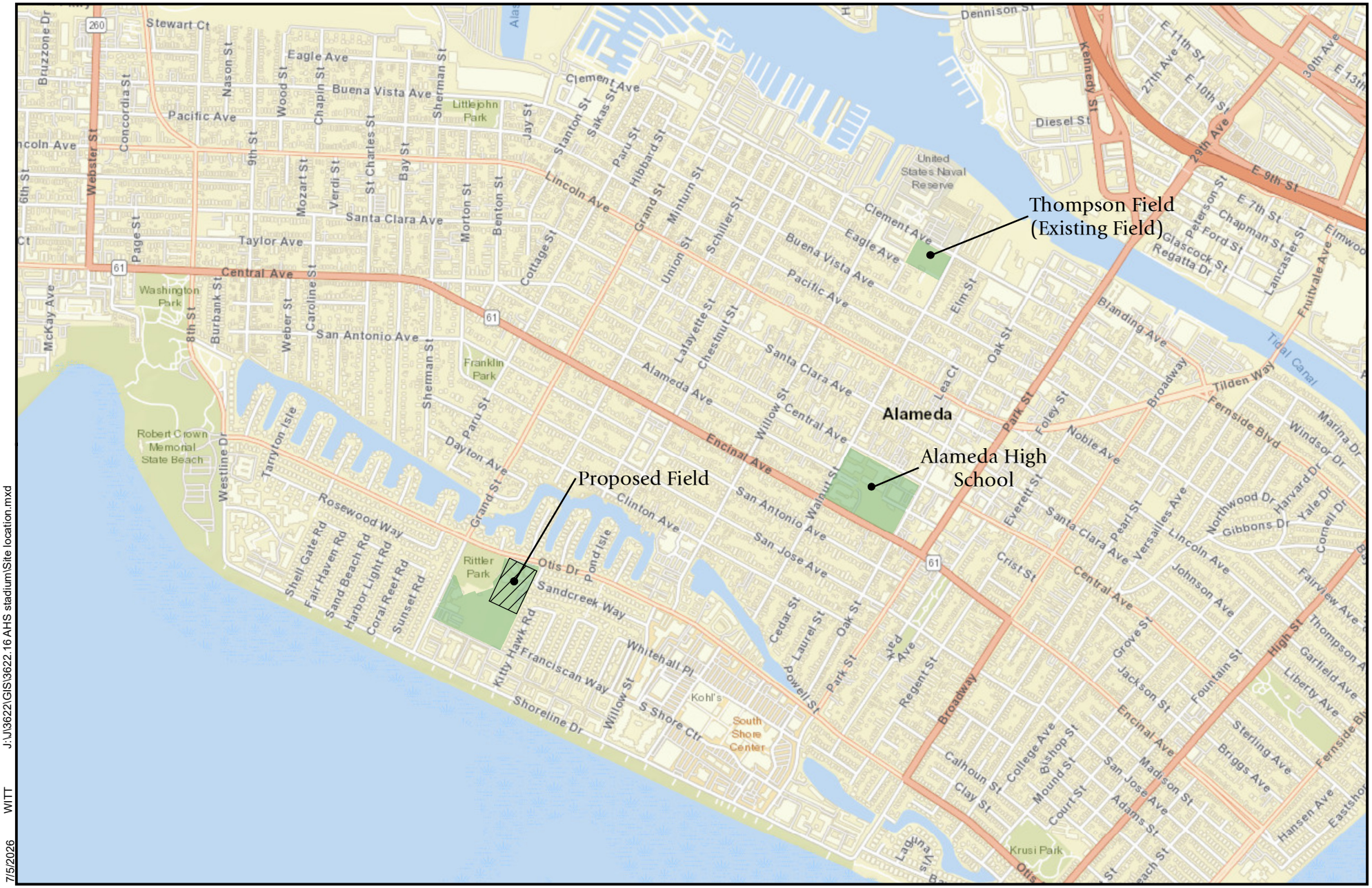
The athletic field would have lighting for evening events and games. It is anticipated that six light poles would be installed and utilize Musco LED lighting to minimize light spill onto adjacent properties. Lighting would only be turned on during school events and would not be used after 10:00 p.m.

Potential Environmental Impacts

The potential for environmental impacts will need to be identified and evaluated before the proposed project or any alternatives are approved. The District has elected to proceed with preparing a Draft Subsequent EIR since the Initial Study review in 2023. Environmental analysis in the EIR will include all topic areas of the Initial Study Checklist, including: Aesthetics, Agricultural & Forest Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology & Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population & Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities & Service Systems, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The 2023 CEQA document committed the District to additional analysis of potential athletic field impacts, including Geotechnical Investigation, Acoustic Analysis, Air Quality Analysis, Lighting Analysis, and Traffic Analysis. Additional technical expertise will be included for those areas.

The EIR for the project will provide a clear statement of the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of each project alternative considered by the decision makers, responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, and the public.

The District anticipates providing the Draft EIR for public comment in Fall 2026.



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AHS ATHLETIC FIELD PROJECT LOCATION

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