

CEQA Public Scoping Meeting

ALAMEDA HIGH ATHLETIC FIELD

July 23, 2026
Wood MS Temp Campus

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ALAMEDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXCELLENCE & EQUITY FOR ALL STUDENTS

AGENDA

- INTRODUCTION & MEETING EXPECTATIONS
- WHAT IS CEQA, CEQA PROCESS
- ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPE
- PROJECT OVERVIEW
- ALTERNATIVES
- NEXT STEPS

FOCUS FOR TONIGHT

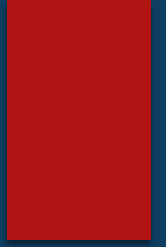


Provide overview of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) .

Describe project parameters, alternatives and potential impacts.

Gather input that can shape design refinements and environmental analysis.

MEETING FORMAT



Presentation of Agenda Items

Speaker Cards

Written Comment Cards

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PURPOSE

- Inform government decision makers & public about potential environmental effects
- Identify ways environmental damage (impacts) can be avoided or significantly reduced (mitigation)
- Prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage, either by adoption of alternatives or mitigation measures

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) CONTENTS

- Project description
- Environmental baseline
- Evaluation of environmental impacts (Initial Study Checklist)
- Thresholds of significance
- Mitigation measures
- Project alternatives

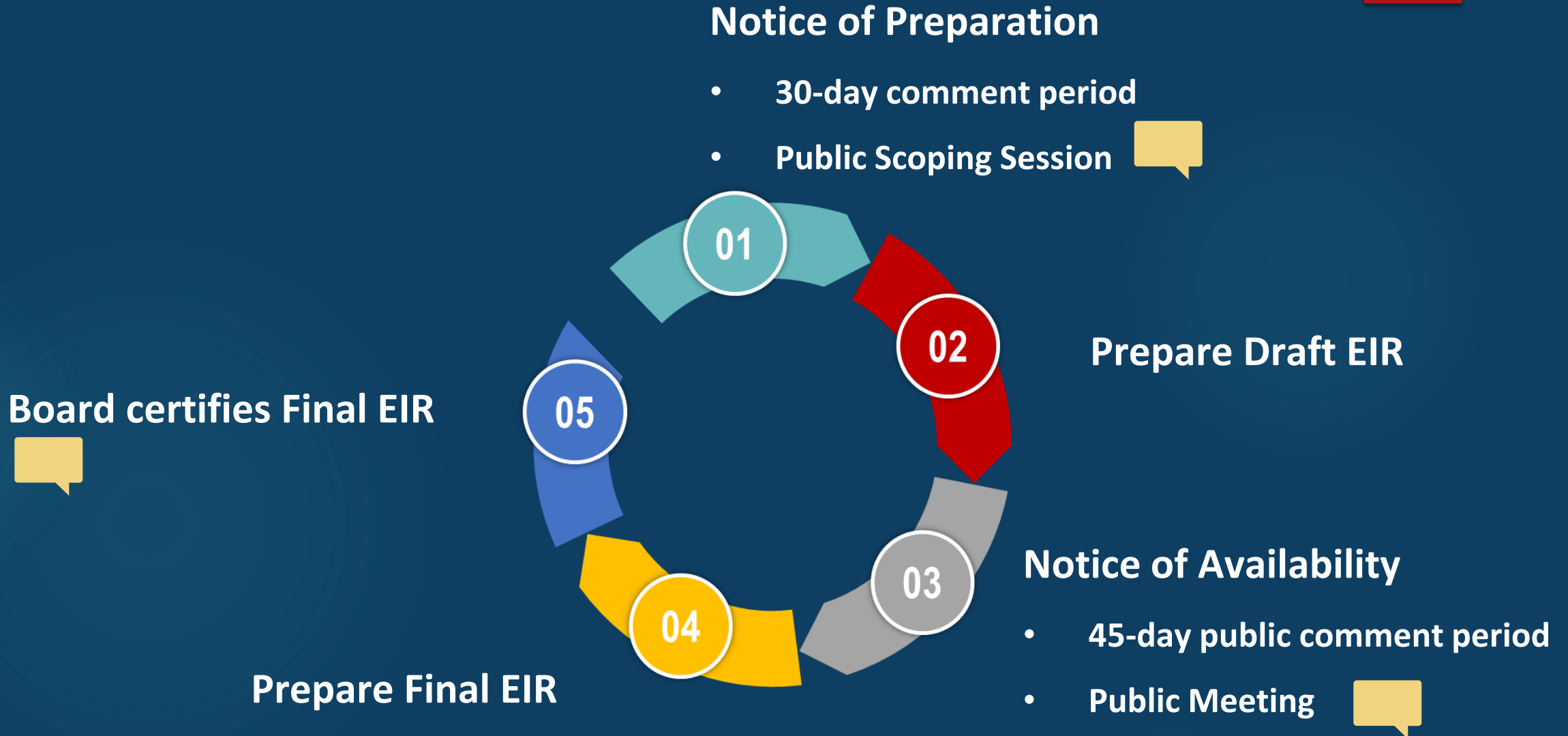
ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPE

- 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
- Mandatory Findings of Significance

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALISTS

- Lighting
- Traffic & Parking
- Acoustics
- Site Design

CEQA EIR PROCESS



PRIOR MEETINGS

- **2023 CEQA Process for Wood Modernization**
 - **CEQA Public Review Process**
 - **Board Approval**
- **March 2026 Public Information Meeting**
- **June 2026 Public Workshop Meeting**

**Preliminary concerns over traffic, lighting and noise = determination to prepare
Subsequent EIR**

WHAT WE'VE HEARD

CONCERNS OR
OPPOSITION DUE TO
IMPACT OF:

Parking

Traffic

Lighting

Noise

Aesthetics





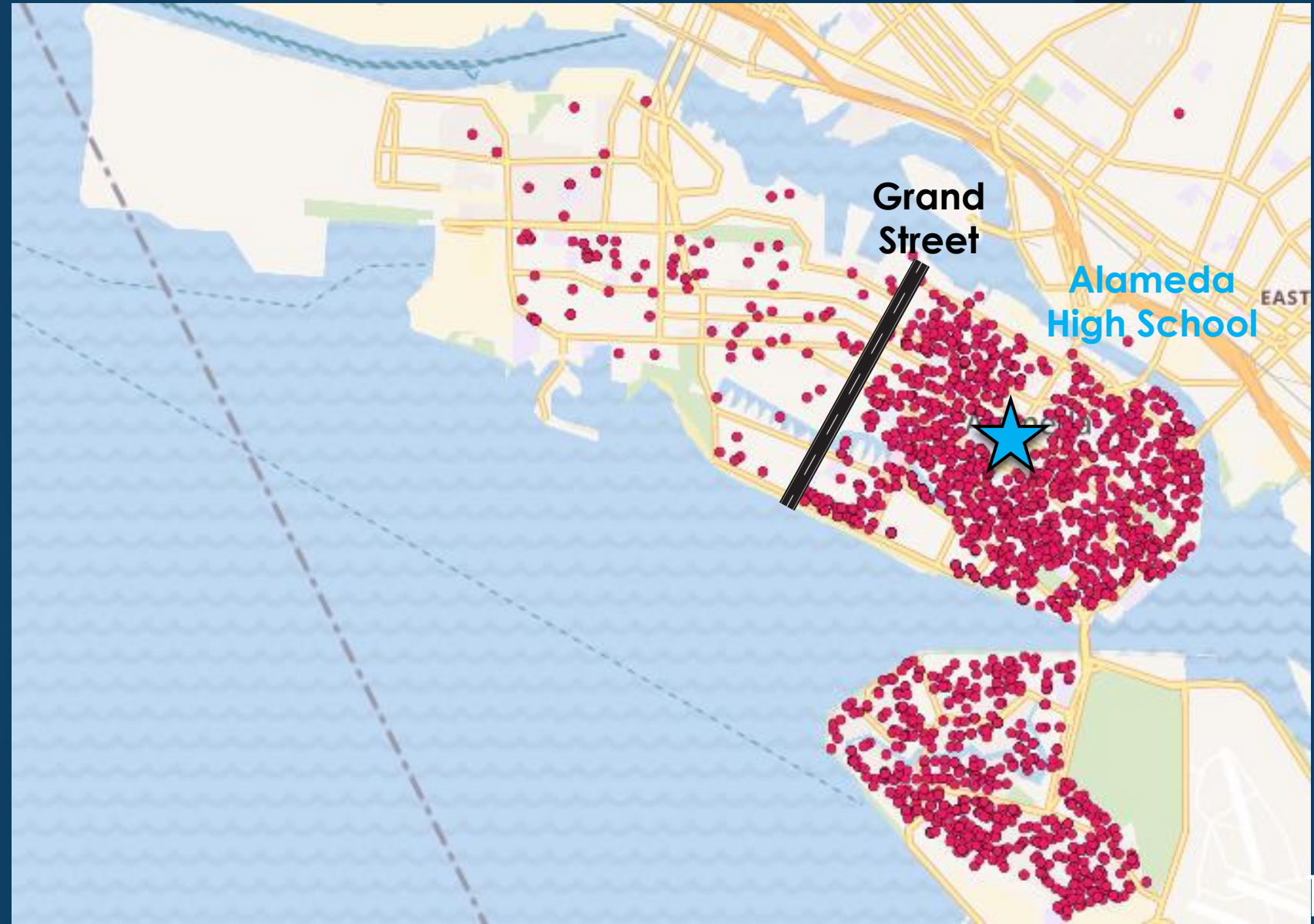
PROJECT PARAMETERS

PROJECT OBJECTIVES



WHO IS THE NEW FIELD FOR?

- Alameda High students
- Primarily East of Grand Street



WHY A NEW ATHLETIC FIELD?

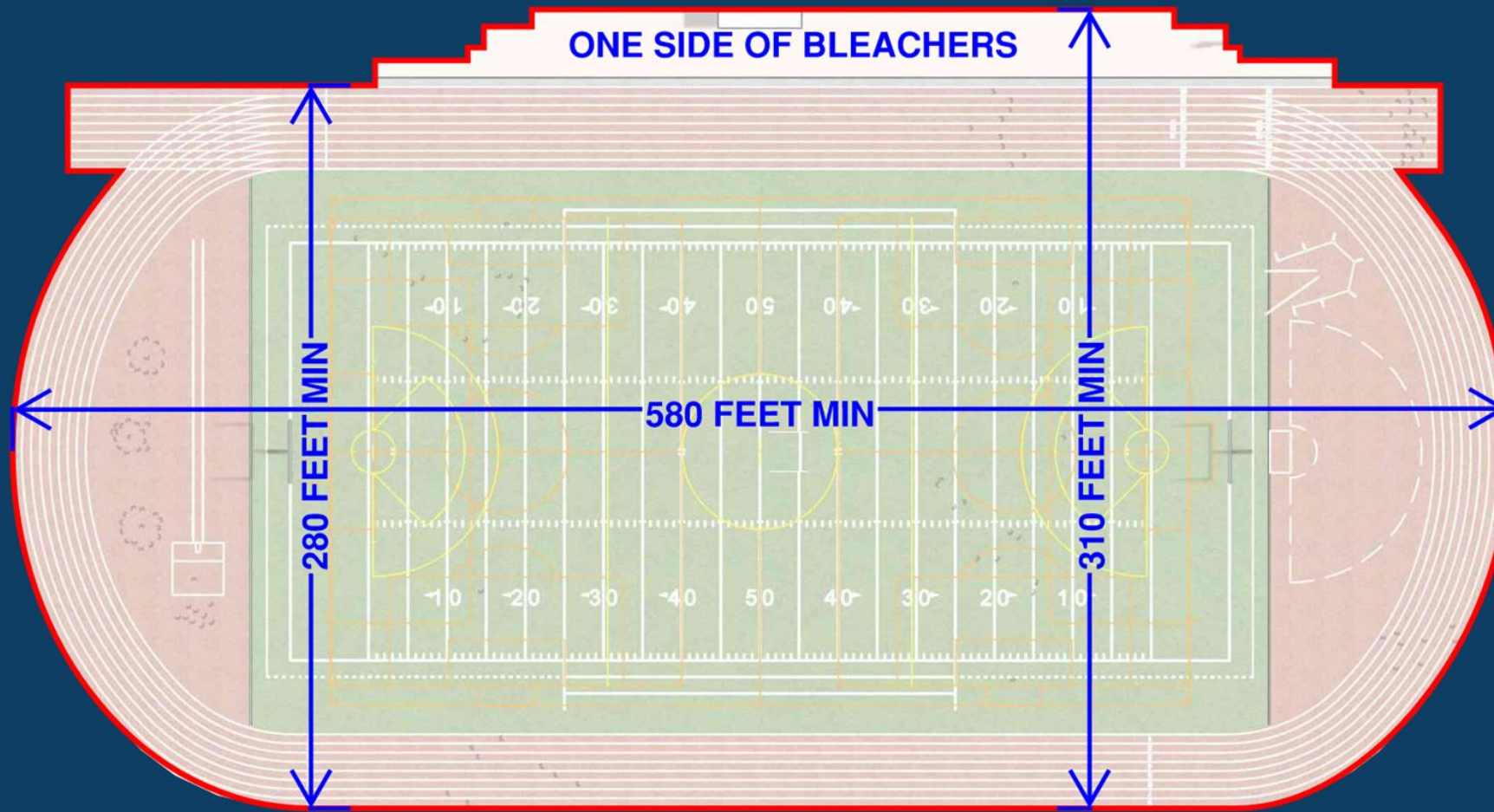


Each high school needs its own athletic facility so that practices and games can be **scheduled** appropriately.

Thompson Field's **surface** cannot handle the heavy use of high school athletics. This leads to cancelled practices and games.

Thompson Field lacks sufficient **space** for AHS athletic needs (including track and field).

HOW MUCH SPACE DO WE NEED?



WHAT IS OUR BUDGET?

- **Funded by Measure B Bond**
- **Fields for Encinal and Alameda were approved by the citizens of Alameda in 2022**
- **Project Budget: \$21.4 million**



PROPOSED PROJECT

FORMER LUM SCHOOL



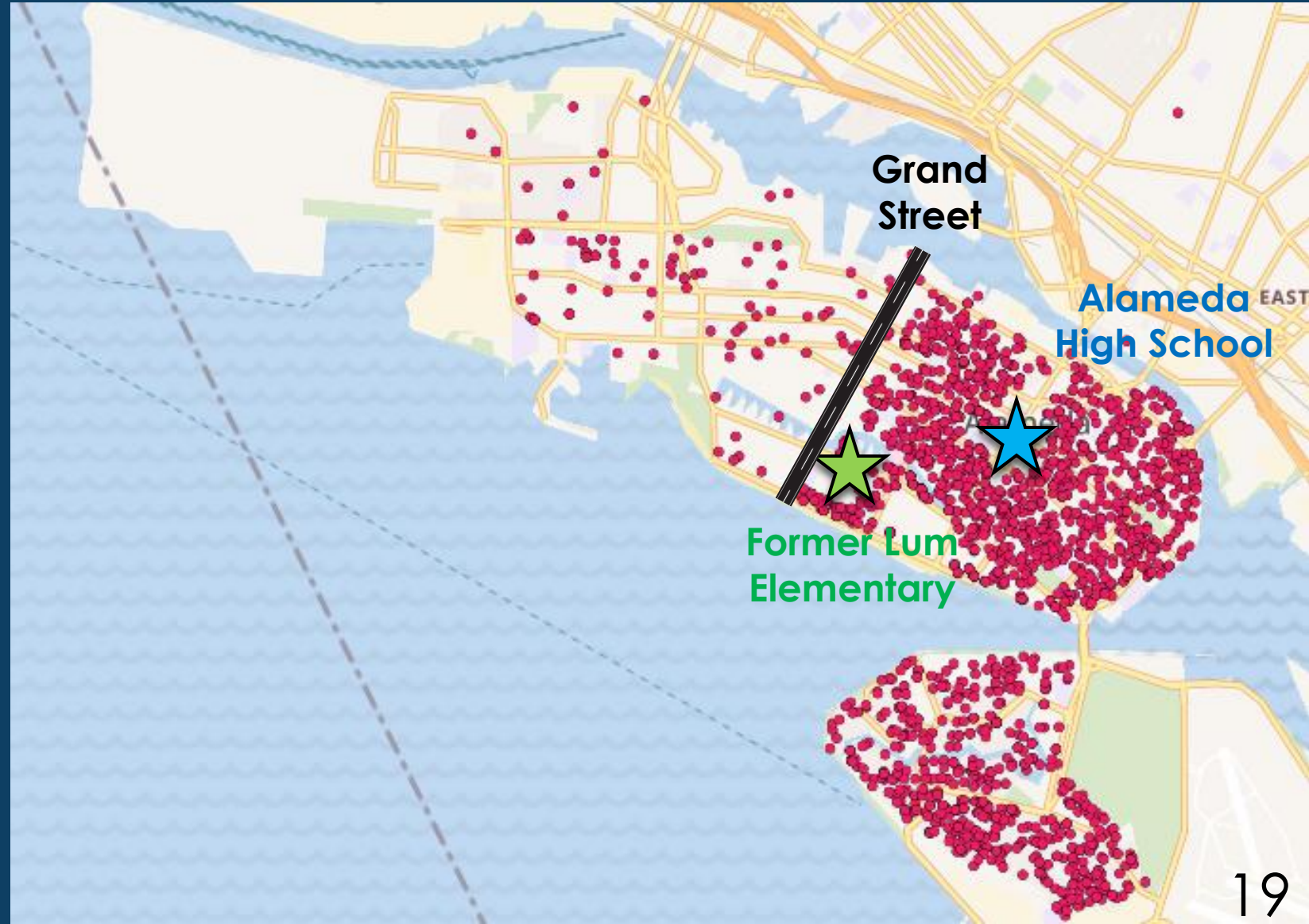
**Close to where
Alameda High
students live**



**Meets size and
layout needs on
one site**



**Feasible
schedule and
budget**



LOCATION

- Location consistent with 2023 environmental review
- Meets size needs for track and field
- Meets location needs
- Meets budget



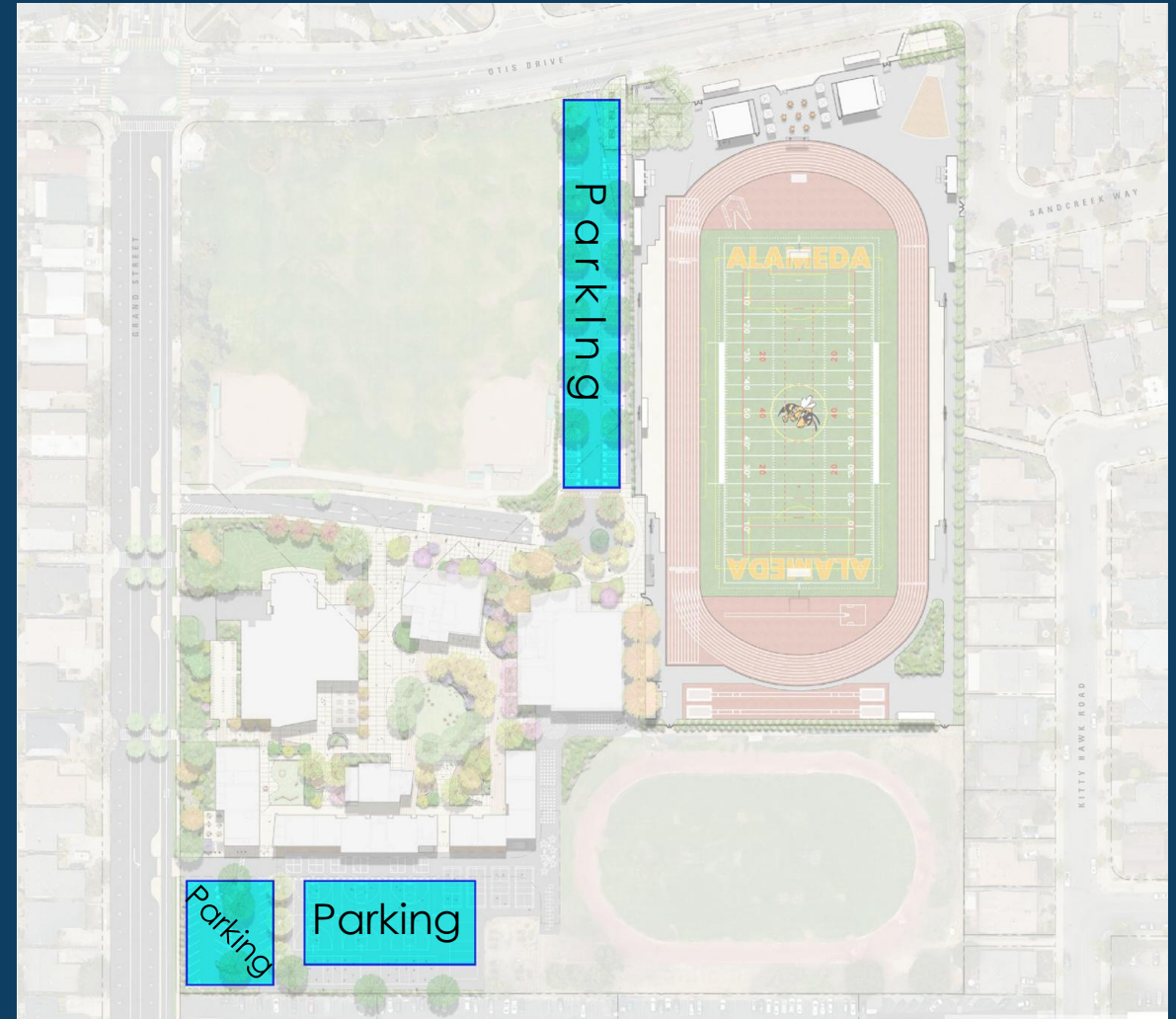
PROJECT OVERVIEW

- All-weather athletic field and track
- 6 light poles, approximately 80 ft tall, aimed at field to reduce light spillage
- Restrooms, locker rooms and equipment storage
- Maximum seating capacity 1,500
- Home and away bleachers
- Project would occur after need for temporary campus has ended, 2027



TRAFFIC & PARKING

- 168 onsite parking spots
- Onsite parking spots can accommodate capacity between approximately 500 and 670 people
- Additional street parking available on Grand and Otis Street
- Only home football and graduation will need street parking



TRAFFIC & PARKING

- Only use field for school events
- Traffic management plans
 - Onsite parking
 - Offsite parking with shuttles for big events
- Traffic controls for large events
 - Hire traffic control staff

NOISE

- Limit in hours of use
- Sound system controls
- Only use for school events
- Sound barriers, seating orientation, and landscaping as sound barrier options



LIGHTING

- Reduce spillover into the neighborhood
- Restricted hours for lights
- Only use lights for school events
- Automated timers and scheduling system to ensure lights are not left on



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Potential use by neighbors during non-school hours
 - For Example: Community members get access to use the track
 - Summer access when schools are not in session
- Onsite parking will reduce parking in surrounding neighborhood



SITE ALTERNATIVES

ALTERNATIVE SITES CONSIDERED

- Alameda High Campus (**no space**)
- Alameda Point (**too expensive, too far**)
- Track at Lum, Field at Thompson (**too expensive**)
- Thompson Field (with shared track) (**too far, safety concerns**)
 - Encinal High School
 - College of Alameda

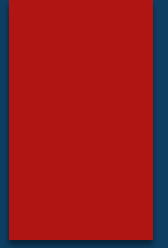
THOMPSON FIELD

- TRACK DOESN'T FIT ON PROPERTY



THOMPSON FIELD

- New soccer / Football field at Thompson Field
- Offsite Track
 - Share Encinal High Track
 - Requires late practices (6:00pm - 8:30pm) to accommodate both schools
 - Rent at College of Alameda (COA)
 - Turf field and Track are no longer maintained, since COA has ended all athletic programs
 - Requires scheduling with private schools
- BIASED TOWARD FIELD SPORTS AND NOT ADEQUATE FOR TRACK



EIR SCOPING – PUBLIC INPUT

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



How input is used

Comments will help scope issues studied during the environmental review.



Analysis & mitigation

Your feedback informs environmental analysis and development of practical mitigation measures to reduce or avoid impacts.



Public review ahead

Draft EIR will be shared for public comment, with clear instructions and deadlines.



Stay engaged

Meeting summaries will be posted and shared via email. Thank you for your time and perspectives.



Thank you for your time tonight!

To share additional perspectives, please email:
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