

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations and Persons
From: The County of Los Angeles
Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting

Project Title: LACMA Building for the Permanent Collection
Project Proponent: Museum Associates dba Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Project Address: 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90036
Date of Notice: August 4, 2016

The County of Los Angeles (County) will be the Lead Agency and will require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA) Building for the Permanent Collection (the Project) proposed by Museum Associates, a private nonprofit public benefit corporation organized under California law and doing business as LACMA. The County requests agencies' timely comments as to the scope and content of the EIR related to the agencies' responsibilities. For all interested agencies, organizations and persons, this scoping notice allows you an early opportunity to consult on the Project before preparation of the Draft EIR. Following preparation of the Draft EIR, there will be a later separate notice of the future opportunity to comment on the analyses of the Project in the Draft EIR.

The Project description, the potential environmental effects anticipated to be studied in the EIR, and the environmental factors not potentially affected that would not be addressed in the EIR are set forth in the Initial Study and summarized here. Also included below are the date, time, and location of the Scoping Meeting that will be held in order to solicit input regarding the content of the Draft EIR. The Scoping Meeting will be in an open house format. No decisions about the Project will be made at the scoping meeting. A copy of the Initial Study prepared for the Project is not attached due to its length, but is available for public review online at <http://ceo.lacounty.gov/envirodoc.html>, and in hard copy by appointment at Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office/Capital Programs Division, 500 West Temple Street, Room 754, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Appointment requests should be made to Peter Burgis at pburgis@ceo.lacounty.gov or at (213) 974-1417.

PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION: LACMA's Campus is comprised of the east campus (LACMA East), located within Hancock Park¹ and the west campus (LACMA West), located west of Hancock Park in the area bordered by the vacated Ogden Drive on the east, Fairfax Avenue on the west, 6th Street on the north, and Wilshire Boulevard on the south. LACMA is located north of Wilshire Boulevard, south of 6th Street, and east of Fairfax Avenue in an area of the City of Los Angeles known as the Miracle Mile. LACMA is the largest art museum in the western United States. Museum Associates, a private nonprofit public benefit corporation organized under California law and doing business as LACMA, manages and operates LACMA under the authority of the County of Los Angeles. In partnership with the County of Los Angeles, Museum Associates proposes to construct the Project within LACMA East and the adjacent property owned by Museum Associates at the southeast corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Spaulding Avenue (referred to as the Spaulding Lot).

The Project would consist of one new museum building of approximately 368,300 gross square feet (Museum Building) and a new parking facility referred to as the Ogden Parking Structure. The proposed Museum Building would replace four buildings within LACMA East collectively comprising approximately 392,871 gross square feet: the Ahmanson Building, the Hammer Building, the Art of the Americas Building, and the Bing Theater (which currently provides 600 seats). Overall, the proposed Museum Building would result in a decrease in the square footage of the existing museum buildings by approximately 24,571 square feet and a reduction in the theater size from 600 seats to 300 seats. The Museum Building is proposed to consist of eight semi-transparent Pavilions that would support an elevated, continuous, transparent main gallery level and extend over Wilshire Boulevard to the Spaulding Lot. The design of the Museum Building would enhance the outdoor experience of museum visitors and guests by including outdoor landscaped plazas, public programming and educational spaces, sculpture gardens, and native and drought tolerant vegetation that would be integrated with the Museum Building and existing uses within the surrounding park area. The Ogden Parking Structure would be developed southwest of the intersection of Ogden Drive and Wilshire Boulevard on three contiguous parcels owned by Museum Associates and referred to as the Ogden Lot. The Ogden Parking Structure would replace the existing surface parking currently on the Spaulding Lot and would provide the same number of spaces currently located on the Spaulding Lot.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Cultural Resources (historical resources, archaeological resources, and paleontological resources), Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Public Services (fire protection), Transportation/Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems (water, wastewater, and energy), and Mandatory Findings of Significance. These potential impacts will be addressed in the Draft EIR.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS NOT POTENTIALLY AFFECTED: Based on the Initial Study, the following environmental factors do not need to be addressed in the Draft EIR: Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Biological Resources, Mineral Resources, Population and

¹ Hancock Park refers to the public park bordered by 6th Street and Wilshire Boulevard to the north and south and Curson Avenue and the vacated Ogden Drive to the east and west.

Housing, Public Services (police protection, schools, parks, library services), Recreation, and Utilities and Service Systems (solid waste).

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING DATE AND LOCATION: A Scoping Meeting will be held on **August 24, 2016**, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Broad Contemporary Art Museum (BCAM) building, 1st Floor, 5905 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036. Parking will be available at the Pritzker Parking Garage, which is accessible from 6th Street.

The purpose of the Scoping Meeting is to solicit agency and other early comments regarding environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR. The Scoping Meeting will provide information regarding the Project and the anticipated scope of analyses to be contained in the Draft EIR. Written comments may be submitted at the Scoping Meeting or at any time before the end of scoping on **September 6, 2016**. Attendance at the Scoping Meeting is not required, and written comments on the scope of the Draft EIR by US mail or email are welcome at the County of Los Angeles, Chief Executive Office address provided below.

Written comments must be submitted to the County of Los Angeles by **September 6, 2016**, to be timely scoping comments for consideration in the preparation of the Draft EIR.

Please direct your comments by e-mail or U.S. mail to:

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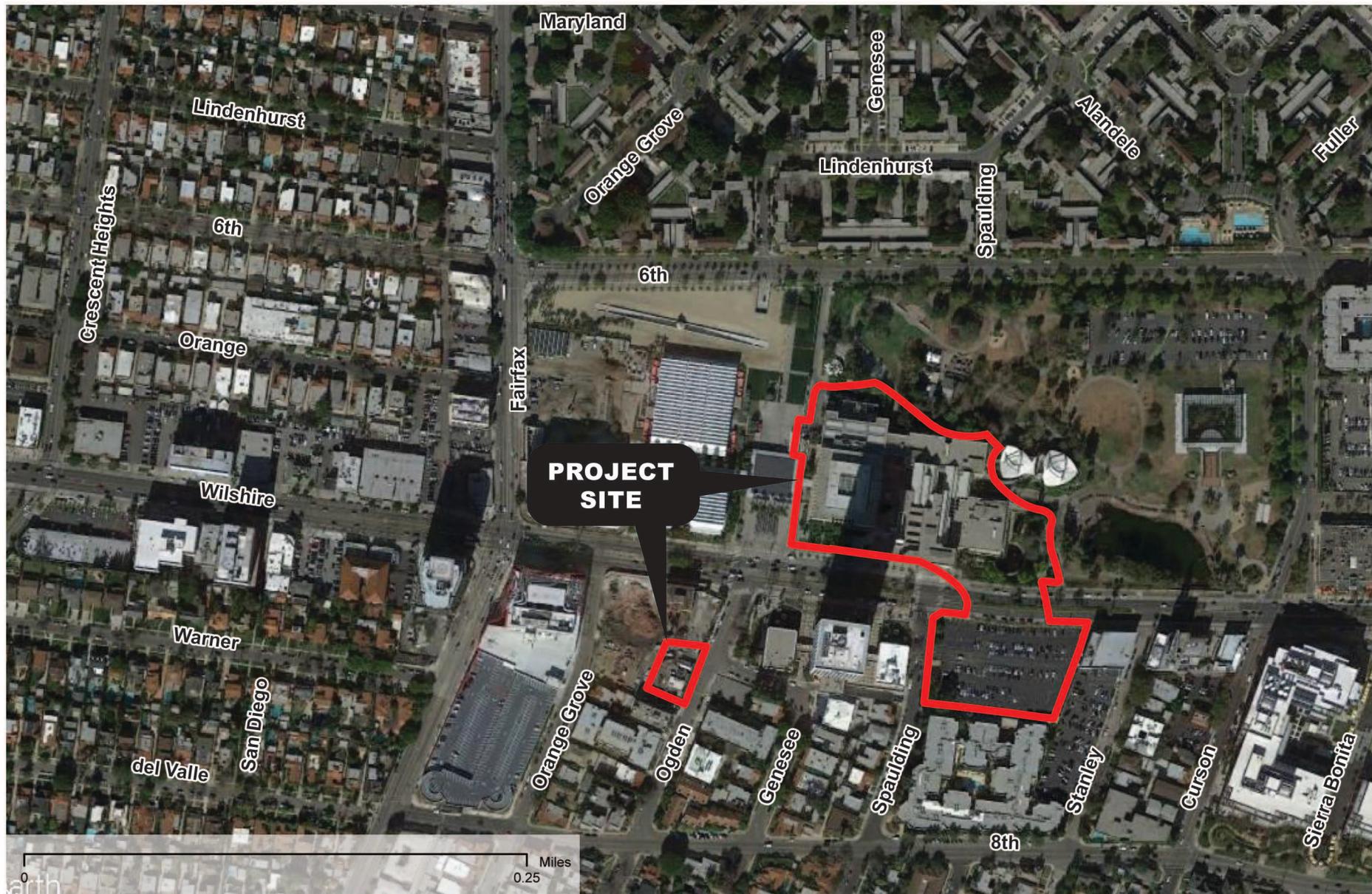
Peter Burgis, LA County Chief Executive Office

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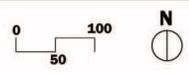
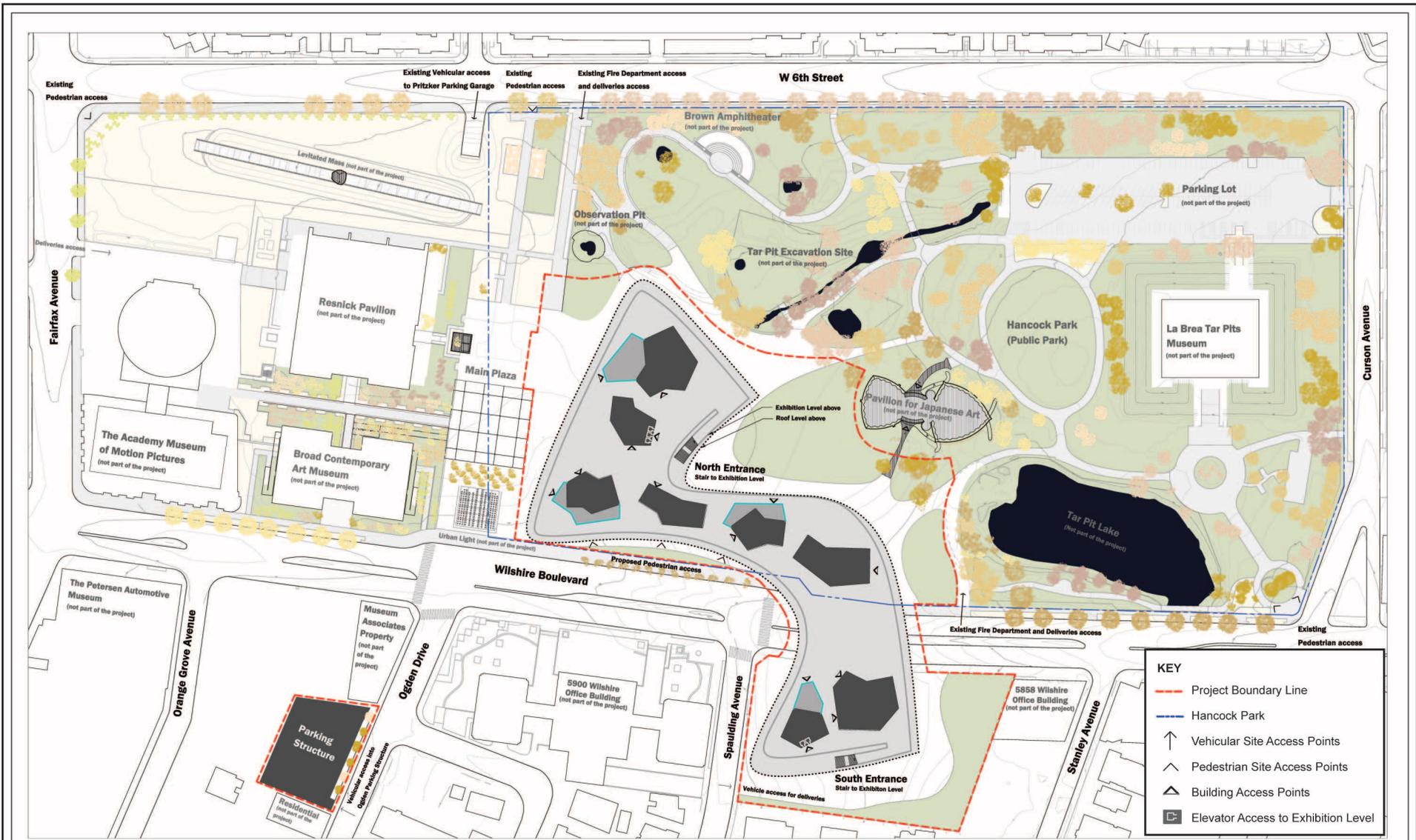
Project Location Map

Conceptual Site Plan

Scoping Meeting Location Map



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Source: LACMA, 2016.



Broad Contemporary Art Museum
5905 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90036

PROJECT SITE

Scoping Meeting Location Map

Source: LA County GIS, 2015; Google Earth, 2016.