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Notice of Completion and Availability of a Draft EIR

Project Title: Carmel High School Stadium Lights

Project Location (Specific): 3600 Ocean Avenue, Carmel High School

Project Location (Town): Carmel

Project Location (County): Monterey

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Carmel Unified School District (school district) is proposing to install field lighting at the existing Carmel High School stadium. No additional improvements are proposed. Two of the lighting poles will be located behind the northern, home seating area and will extend 70 feet high accounting for a 10-foot higher grade than the south, visitor seating bleachers, which will be 80 feet high. Each pole will be on a pre-cast concrete base approximately 10 feet below ground. Each lighting pole will feature three separate luminaires. Mounting heights for the three luminaires are 25.5 feet, 70 feet, and 80 feet (northern end of stadium) and 15.5 feet, 60 feet, and 80 feet (southern end of stadium), respectively. The four new lighting poles will result in a total of 44 luminaires with an average kilowatt of 68.82 (74.8 maximum). The proposed project is intended to expand the timing and use of the existing stadium facilities for several sports teams including the following: football (boys), soccer (boys and girls), lacrosse (boys and girls), track and field (boys and girls), and field hockey (girls). By allowing evening-hour use, the high school would provide enhanced opportunities for students to participate in school-sponsored sports while accommodating the state-mandated late-start law beginning in 2022. Beneficiaries of the project would be Carmel High School student-athletes, students, and all other attendees of nighttime games.

Environmental Impacts: The EIR identifies the following impacts that would result from the proposed project: **Aesthetics** (Add Lighting to the Existing Lighted Campus Environment); **Biological Resources** (Potential Effect on Special-Status Species – Hoary Bat; Potential Effect on Special-Status Species - Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds); **Cultural Resources** (Potential to Accidentally Discover Unknown Buried Historic Resources or Unique Archaeological Resources; Possibility of an Accidental Discovery of Human Remains); **Noise** (Construction Activities Could Cause a Substantial Temporary Noise Increase); **Transportation** (Inadequate Parking During Limited Nighttime Events with Potential Emergency Access Issues).

Lead Agency: Carmel Unified School District

Division: Facilities & Transportation

Address Where Copy of EIR is Available: Carmel Unified School District office, 4380 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923. A copy of the EIR is also available on the Carmel Unified School District website (<https://www.carmelunified.org/>) under the CUSD Announcements sections.

Review Period: August 13, 2021 to September 27, 2021

Public Hearing to receive comments on the EIR (during regularly scheduled Board of Education Meeting): Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

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