

Wood Middle School Modernization and New Construction—Phase I

CEQA Summary

December 12, 2023

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- CEQA process
- Wood Middle School comments received during public comment period



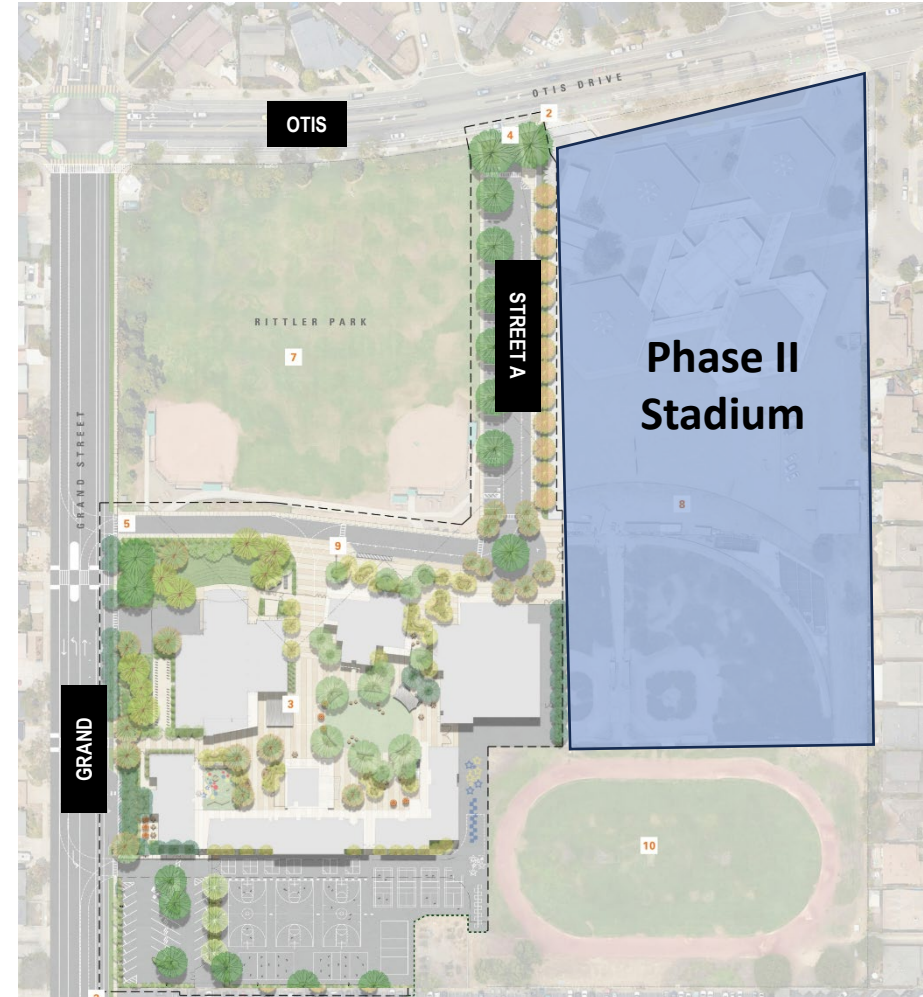
CEQA Process

- **Determine level of review**
- **Prepare Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**
- **Notice of intent**
- **30-day public review and comment period**
- **Respond to comments**
- **Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan**
- **File Notice of Determination**



Wood Middle School Phasing

- **Phase I**
 - New classroom building
 - New administration/library building
 - New gymnasium building
 - New access roadway
 - Retain multipurpose building
- **Phase II**
 - Athletic stadium (2028)
 - Separate CEQA study



Public Noticing

- **AB52 Tribal Consultation – 7 Tribes**
 - **500-foot mailing list**
 - **Publish/Post**
 - **State Clearinghouse**
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- **30-Day Public Review Period
November 3 to December 3, 2023**



Wood MS Comments - Agencies

- **East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD)**
- **Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)**
 - **State funding for site acquisition, Ed Code requirements**
 - **Recommend Phase I site assessment**
 - **Recommend additional discovery and cleanup**
 - **Recommend testing imported fill materials**

Wood MS Comments – Community

- **1 resident concerned with traffic and noise from Phase II stadium, impacts to bay parks**
- **1 resident expressed concern with loss of ball field (ALL) and clarification of Grand Street crosswalks**
- **1 resident concerned with roadway location, existing trash issues, potential air quality during construction, Sandcreek intersection**

Wood MS Proposed Roadway

- **Goals**

- **Student Safety—off street drop-off**
- **Distribute peak traffic—City's preference to distribute away from front of school**
- **Provide Rittler Park access and parking**
- **Special Event access and parking**

- **Developed with input from**

- **District staff**
- **Parents**
- **City**

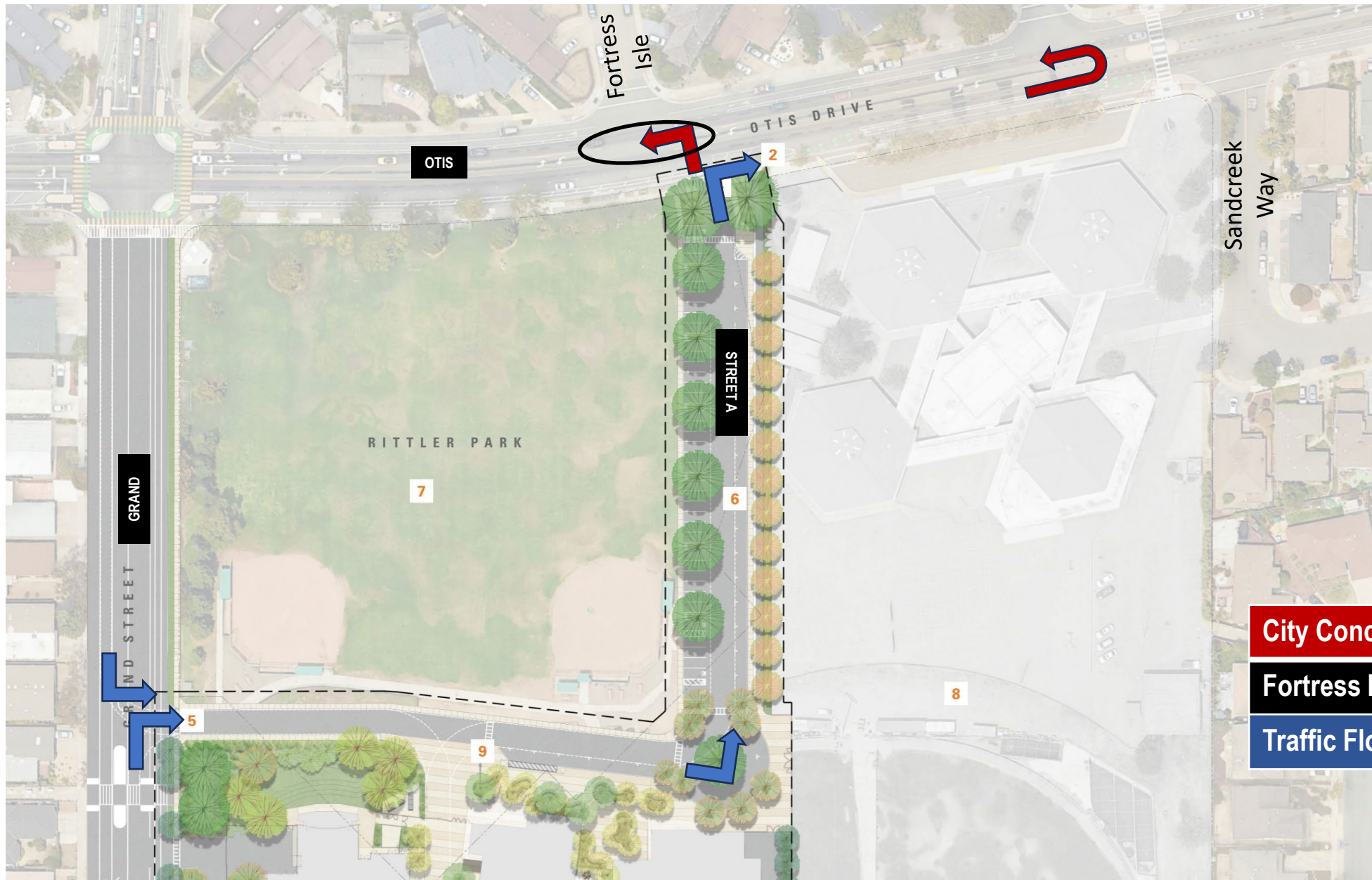
Traffic Flow: Alternative 1

Expand existing pocket turns



- W-Trans (Traffic Engineers)
- City Concerns
- Fortress Isle
- Traffic Flow

Traffic Flow: Alternative 2



- City Concerns
- Fortress Isle
- Traffic Flow

Traffic Flow: Alternative 3

Expand existing pocket turns



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Traffic Flow: Alternative 4

Expand existing pocket turns



Preferred alternative by the City of Alameda

W-Trans (Traffic Engineers)

City Concerns

Fortress Isle

Traffic Flow

Public Comments – New Road Traffic

- **4 residents of Fortress Isle**
 - **Concern with increased traffic associated with proposed roadway, especially left turns out onto Otis**
 - **Urge Alternative 2 for traffic flow**
 - **Desire for “keep clear” striping at intersection**
- **City of Alameda**
 - **Supports Alternative 4**

Traffic Considerations

- **No significant impact associated with any alternatives (doesn't mean no impact)**
- **Safe student loading**
- **Fortress Isle serves 7 homes**
 - **Peak traffic approximately 20 minutes, morning and afternoon**
 - **Space for 70 cars for drop off, much more space than when Lum was in use**
 - **Temporary campus at Lum site will only be present until ~2028, similar to historic traffic when Lum Campus was in use**

Traffic Flow: Alternative 4 - Benefits

- **Meets Goals of all parties**
- **Eliminates left turn onto Otis (primary consideration for safety)**
- **Provides stacking up to 70 cars off Otis and Grand**
- **Striping “Keep Clear” at Fortress Isle provides appropriate traffic control**

Traffic Flow Next Steps

- **W-Trans recommendations same for Alternatives 1, 2 and 4**
- **City and District to discuss Fortress Isle residents' concerns**

Revisions to Initial Study

- **Clarifying information to DTSC included in Project Description**
 - **Commitment to do Phase 1**
 - **Known asbestos and lead to be remediated**
 - **Imported fill to be tested**
- **Alternative 4 Traffic Flow analysis results, same recommendations as Alternative 1 and 2**
- **Initial Study revisions are not “substantial” does not require recirculation per Section 15073.5**

Staff's Recommendation

- **Staff believes that the IS/MND addresses the comments and finds the project's impact to be No Impact, Less Than Significant Impact, or Less than Significant with the incorporation of Mitigation.**
- **Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2023-2024.30 Adoption of Wood Middle School modernization and new construction phase I: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration**
- **Provide authorization to staff to file Notice of Determination.**

Board Discussion & Questions