

FAQs Relating to the LASD Solar Project

LASD will be kicking off the installation and construction of solar panels at all 9 LASD campuses starting in mid September. LASD realizes that this project will cause many inconveniences for the parents, staff and neighborhood communities while in full swing. As such, we have created this document to help you understand what is going on with these projects and how best to coordinate your commutes to and from campuses (or around campuses, as the case may be).

1. Why is the solar project happening now and not during this summer or next summer?

We realize that construction on LASD campuses during the school year is less than convenient. However, in order for LASD to get the best price for this project, it must be completed by December 31, 2017 as PG&E will be changing its billing structure in a way that is disadvantageous to solar projects. Projects that are completed before this deadline receive grandfathering privileges to eliminate this billing issue for 10 years. Unfortunately, PG&E did not notify us of the coming changes until the spring, too late for the work to be done over the past summer. The LASD board approved the project on June 12, 2017 beginning the process of getting CA State approvals and any preparatory work done before construction commences on 9/18/2017. Because of the 12/31/2017 deadline, waiting until next summer makes the project less fiscally attractive to the district.

2. Where are the solar panels being installed on the campuses?

The solar panels are being installed in the parking lots of every campus, except at Oak Elementary, where the panels will be located at the back of the school due to limiting conditions in Oak's parking lot.

3. What is the timeline for the project?

Construction starts on all campuses on Monday, September 18th. The duration of the construction phase varies by campus. See the list of campuses below for the timeline at each location:

- **Blach:** 9/18/17 to 11/3/2017 (7 weeks)
- **Oak:** 9/18/17 to 11/3/2017 (7 weeks)
- **Almond:** 9/18/17 to 11/8/2017 (7.5 weeks)
- **Springer:** 9/18/17 to 11/8/2017 (7.5 weeks)
- **Gardner Bullis:** 9/18/17 to 11/10/2017 (8 weeks)
- **Covington:** 9/18/17 to 11/13/2017 (8.5 weeks)
- **Egan:** 9/18/17 to 11/16/2017 (9 weeks)
- **Loyola:** 9/18/17 to 11/17/2017 (9 weeks)
- **Santa Rita:** 9/18/17 to 12/1/2017 (11 weeks)

4. When will construction start and end each day? When will material deliveries happen?

Deliveries will be scheduled outside of drop-off and pick-up times. Actual construction work will only occur within the allowable time frames determined by the jurisdiction the within which each school site is located (City of Los Altos, City of Mountain View, or Town of Los Altos Hills), which are posted on each jurisdiction's website.

5. Why is construction happening at all campuses at once?

The most efficient way to complete the construction by the 12/31/2017 deadline is to fence off the construction areas at each campus starting on September 18th. This will allow for the delivery and storage of equipment and materials at each location, enable contractors to work on several campuses at the same time, and make it possible for contractors to move seamlessly from location to location with

several different construction trades contributing to the projects at once. This is the fastest way to ensure the construction deadline of December 31st is met.

6. Why will it take longer at some campuses than others?

Some campuses will take longer than others due to the (1) size of the system necessary to power the entire school campus, (2) the length of the wiring runs to the school site's transformer, and (3) the need to reconfigure handicap accessible parking stalls.

7. Will there be any parking during construction on the campuses?

There will be limited parking at each campus during construction. As such, LASD asks that you focus on walking or biking to school.

8. Where can I park if I am coming to volunteer for hot lunch or in the classroom?

There will be reserved parking in the school lots for volunteers and other designated areas (handicap, school nurses, traveling teachers, etc.) or you can find street parking near the school.

9. Where will the construction workers park?

Construction workers will park off-site and will be shuttled to the school sites. Shuttles will not take place during drop-off or pick-up times.

10. How do you suggest my child or family get to and from school during the construction period?

In order for each school campus to weather this construction period safely and with minimal traffic, LASD is asking that families focus on walking and biking to and from school during the construction period at their respective campuses. LASD does understand that for those families that live farther away from their child's school, walking or biking may not be feasible. The drive-through lanes in each parking lot will remain open during construction, as will a limited number of parking stalls. If parents and visitors need to park, they can do so in open, unreserved stalls (as they do currently) or find street parking near the school. Except for a few reserved spots, school staff members will not be parking in the lots.

11. How is LASD funding this project? Are Measure N funds being used to fund this project?

LASD has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement ("PPA") with Forefront to complete this project. The PPA is a lease agreement between LASD and Forefront. Forefront will own the solar panels at each campus and LASD will pay Forefront an agreed upon price (per kilowatt hour) for the electricity produced by the solar panels. In other words, there is no capital outlay by LASD for this project. NO MEASURE N FUNDS are being used for this project. When the solar panels are operational, LASD will pay Forefront for the electricity produced in lieu of paying PG&E for a majority of the power needs at each site.

12. What are the benefits of this solar project to LASD?

There are several benefits of this solar project. There will be an estimated cost savings of at least \$175,000 per year allowing LASD to alternatively use those funds for the education of LASD children. LASD will reduce its carbon footprint by using renewable energy ensuring there is a world for our kids to be educated in the future. Furthermore, Forefront will provide an online portal for students and staff to remotely monitor the solar production at each campus and learn more about the solar panels on their campus. Forefront will also provide energy curriculum materials, including academic webinar trainings to students and faculty.

13. Where will staff park during the construction period at their campus?

Except for a few reserved spots, school staff members will not be parking in the lots. Most school staff members will park on neighborhood streets.