
III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A. LOCATION AND BOUNDARIES OF THE PROJECT SITE

PROJECT LOCATION

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum (“Coliseum”) occupies a 27.4-acre parcel of land within the boundaries of the Exposition Park Master Plan Area. Exposition Park is located approximately two miles southwest of the downtown Los Angeles area and encompasses a total of 160 acres. Exposition Park is bounded by Exposition Boulevard to the north, Figueroa Street to the east, Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the south, and Vermont Avenue to the west. Exposition Park is the largest park in the South Los Angeles area of the City of Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum is generally situated in the center of Exposition Park. The general location of the project area is illustrated in Figure III-1, Regional Location Map. For purposes of establishing the boundaries of the Coliseum District Specific Plan (CDSP), the boundaries of the plan include the area within Exposition Park, as defined above, and the certain area easterly of the 110 (Harbor) Freeway, as shown in Figure III-2, Coliseum District Specific Plan Boundaries.

The Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Renovation Project area (i.e., the “Project Site”) includes the Coliseum and the immediately surrounding area contained within an oval formed by a 10-foot-high chain link and steel bar fence surrounding the Coliseum structure at a point approximately 100 feet from the base of the stadium’s exterior wall. The two locations at which the site’s boundary extends outward from the perimeter fence are at the southwestern edge of the site, where the boundary extends west to Menlo Avenue, and then north along Menlo to a point adjacent to the northern end of the maintenance shed, whereupon it runs easterly back to the perimeter fence; and along the eastern and northeastern sections of the Coliseum, where the boundary extends outward to North/South Coliseum Drive, which it parallels. The Coliseum Site is generally bounded by Menlo Avenue on the west, the Los Angeles Swim Stadium and the Exposition Park Intergenerational Community Center (EPICC) complex on the south, North Coliseum Drive on the north, and South Coliseum Drive on the east.

Other land uses immediately adjacent to the Project Site include grass-covered athletic fields and surface parking for Exposition Park facilities across Menlo Avenue to the west, the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena and adjacent surface parking across South Coliseum Drive to the southeast, and the California Science Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History across North Coliseum Drive to the north. All of these adjacent facilities are also within Exposition Park. All of Exposition Park, including the Coliseum, is located within the City of Los Angeles in the City’s South Los Angeles District Plan area.

Major streets in the vicinity of the Proposed Project include Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, approximately 300 feet south of the Project Site; Vermont Avenue, approximately 500 feet west of the Project Site; Exposition Boulevard, approximately 0.2 mile north of the Project Site; and Figueroa Street, approximately 0.1 mile east of the Project Site. Regional access to the Coliseum is provided by the Harbor Freeway (Interstate 110), located approximately 0.3 mile east of the site; and by the Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10), located approximately 2.0 miles north of the site.

Figure III-1 Regional Location Map

Figure III-2 Coliseum Specific Plan Boundaries