

Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) proposes to rehabilitate the auditorium (Room 0100) in the basement of the Caltrans Headquarters Building located at 1120 N Street, Sacramento, California.

Determination

An Initial Study has been prepared by the California Department of Transportation. The Initial Study was circulated for public review and comment between December 7, 2012 and January 7, 2013. No comments were received.

On the basis of this study it is determined that the proposed action with the incorporation of the identified mitigation measures will not have a significant effect on the environment for the following reasons:

The proposed project would have no effect on: aesthetics; agriculture and/or forest resources; air quality; biological resources; geology and soils; hydrology and water quality; land use and planning; mineral resources; noise; population and housing; public services; recreation; transportation/traffic; or utilities and service systems.

The proposed project would result in less than significant effects from hazards and hazardous materials.

In addition, the proposed project would result in less than significant effects to cultural resources because the following mitigation measures would reduce potential effects to less than significant:

Impacts to cultural resources will be mitigated through the application of the following mitigation measures:

- There will be no changes to the exterior appearance of the building.
- The commemorative Fletcher Auditorium plaque located on the south wall will be preserved in place.
- The lighted "Hearing Recorded" sign suspended from the ceiling along the east wall will be preserved in place.

- Seating: One row of seating will be relocated against the west wall of the auditorium. Options for the disposition of the remaining seats will be determined in consultation with the Department of General Services (DGS) Environmental Services Section.
- Flooring: Construction of the new floor (by pouring the new reinforced concrete floor over poly-foam block fill) will be reversible.
- Windows: The original windows will be preserved in place. The concrete jambs, heads, and sills of the windows along the north wall will remain exposed concrete with form marks and no added finishes.
- Photo Documentation: Large-format photographs will be completed and archivally stable prints deposited in the Caltrans Transportation Library and History Center and the California State Library.
- Interpretive Display: A permanent interpretive and photographic display will be installed on the west wall of the Auditorium that explains the historic significance of the Caltrans Headquarters building, the historic characteristics of the auditorium, and the changes that have been made.
- Moderne Stair Railings: Options for the removal and disposition of the stair railings will be determined in consultation with the DGS Environmental Services Section.
- Chalkboard: Options for the removal and disposition of the chalkboard will be determined in consultation with the DGS Environmental Services Section.
- Langevin Audio-Visual Control Cabinet: Caltrans will advise the DGS Environmental Services Section to first offer the control cabinet to the Caltrans History Preservation Committee for its planned museum. If the committee cannot accept it, DGS will dispose of the equipment control cabinet as excess property.



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