

Parking Improvement Plan:



Harvard-Westlake Studio City Campus



Primary Harvard-Westlake Contact

Veteran administrator and educator John Amato, currently Harvard-Westlake Vice President, will be the primary liaison to the community. Mr. Amato, who started with the Harvard School for Boys in 1978, is the overall project manager.

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Working With the Community >
Harvard-Westlake will provide regular updates about the status of the project.



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Meeting a Growing Need

A Community Anchor Since 1937



In 1937, Harvard School for Boys opened its doors at the current Studio City location on Coldwater Canyon next to St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church, south of Ventura Boulevard. Since that time, the school has continued to evolve and thrive as a top-rated college preparatory school. In 1991, after merging with Westlake School for Girls, the Studio City campus became a co-ed high school for students in grades 10-12, with middle school students in grades 7-9 attending the Westlake campus in Holmby Hills.

Improving our Facilities

Improving our facilities over the years has made for a better school and a better community. Many children in the neighborhood attend Harvard-Westlake, and we welcome neighbors at school events, ranging from lectures and school performances to athletic events. Also, our students engage in a variety of community activities for non-profit organizations including Tree People, Pet Orphans and Sherman Oaks Hospital.

"We've been an anchor in the community for a very long time," says Harvard-Westlake Vice President John Amato. "Being a good neighbor is important to us. It's part of our school culture."

Over the years, Harvard-Westlake has invested in physical improvements at the high school, including the Munger Science Center, Mudd Library and the Kutler Center for Independent Research and Interdisciplinary Study. We also made improvements to our athletic field and pool.

For more than a decade, while these improvements took place, student enrollment at the Studio City campus has held steady at approximately 900 students. Over this time, we have seen demand for parking increase significantly. This is due to several factors, including the fact that students at the high school are more likely to drive to campus, especially given that they come from neighborhoods throughout the Los Angeles area. Also, we have additional faculty, especially in specialized areas for the arts and sports.

As a result, demand for parking has overtaken supply, causing the school to find a long-term solution to meet the need in a manner that also benefits the local community. Details follow.



The Munger Science Center opened in 1995.

An Overview

After significant study, Harvard-Westlake has developed a plan for a three-story parking structure on vacant property owned by the school on the west side of Coldwater Canyon. The Parking Improvement Plan is designed to achieve these important objectives:

- Provide additional parking for students, parents, faculty, staff, and visitors.
- Eliminate off-site parking during the normal school day.
- Remove parking along Coldwater Canyon and improve traffic flow.
- Provide safe pedestrian crossing across Coldwater Canyon.
- Move bus parking from Coldwater Canyon to the campus.

The Plan continues Harvard-Westlake's longstanding tradition of being a good neighbor in Studio City. Specifically, it will create new through lanes on Coldwater Canyon and add dedicated turn lanes into and out of the parking structure. The parking structure will connect to the campus by an elevated pedestrian bridge – eliminating pedestrian crossings on Coldwater Canyon.

Project Features

- A three-level parking structure will be built on the west side of Coldwater Canyon.
- An athletic field will be constructed on the roof of the parking structure.
- A pedestrian bridge will connect the parking structure with the campus.
- New, lush landscaping will be installed along the west side of Coldwater Canyon.

- A new southbound through lane and two dedicated turn lanes into the parking structure will be created on Coldwater Canyon to improve traffic flow and safety.
- The main campus driveway will be relocated 37 feet to the south as part of the overall effort to improve traffic along Coldwater Canyon.
- Security guards will be stationed at the foot of the pedestrian bridge to ensure safety for all Harvard-Westlake students, parents, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Project Benefits

Elimination of off-campus parking:

The parking structure will eliminate the need for off-campus parking during the normal school day by providing 750 parking spaces for Harvard-Westlake students, parents, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Improving traffic flow:

Capacity on Coldwater Canyon will be increased, and other design features will enable a more fluid flow of vehicles. Harvard-Westlake will create a new southbound through lane on Coldwater Canyon, a new southbound right turn lane into the parking structure, and a new northbound dedicated left turn lane into the parking structure. Two driveways entering the parking structure will prevent traffic backups. Additionally, the pedestrian bridge will ensure that those using the parking structure do not have to use a crosswalk to cross Coldwater Canyon. Because of the new parking structure, students will no longer park along Coldwater Canyon or other streets in the neighborhood, and buses that currently park on the shoulder of Coldwater during pickup and drop-off times will now park on campus. The traffic improvements will enhance capacity in the area and reduce driving time for motorists.

Beautifying the neighborhood:

Over 60% of the project area will be dedicated exclusively to landscaping. The pedestrian bridge will be designed to serve as a "gateway" to the community, using both functional and architecturally pleasing design principles.

Improvements > The campus' new parking structure, athletic field, and pedestrian bridge will reduce traffic, improve safety, and enhance the appearance of the neighborhood.

