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Los Angeles Stadium at Hollywood Park

The **Los Angeles Stadium at Hollywood Park**, or **LASED** (short for **Los Angeles Stadium and Entertainment District**),^[12] is the working name of an open-air ETFE roof-covered stadium and entertainment complex under construction in Inglewood, California, United States. Once complete, it will be approximately three miles (5 km) from Los Angeles International Airport, and is located immediately south of The Forum.

Planned to open in 2020, the stadium will serve as the home to the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers of the National Football League (NFL). It is also scheduled to host Super Bowl LVI in February 2022 and the College Football Playoff National Championship in January 2023. During the 2028 Summer Olympics, the stadium is expected to host the opening and closing ceremonies, as well as soccer. Archery will be held on the grounds outside the stadium.

Los Angeles Stadium at Hollywood Park will be the third stadium, and second to be in current use, since the 1970 AFL–NFL merger to be shared by two NFL teams. MetLife Stadium, in East Rutherford, New Jersey, is home to the New York Giants and New York Jets, as was its predecessor, Giants Stadium. It will be the fourth facility in the Los Angeles area to host multiple teams from the same league as Staples Center is home to both of the city's National Basketball Association (NBA) teams, the Los Angeles Clippers and Los Angeles Lakers, Dignity Health Sports Park for a time hosted both the LA Galaxy and now-defunct Chivas USA of Major League Soccer, and Dodger Stadium hosted the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Angels from 1962 to 1965.

The stadium is a component of **Hollywood Park**, a master planned neighborhood in development on the site of the former Hollywood Park Racetrack. Hollywood Park Casino opened in October 2016, becoming the first establishment to open on the property.^[13]

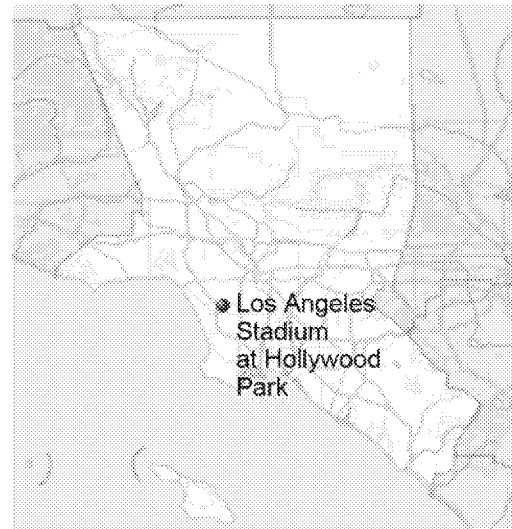
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LASED

LA STADIUM
& ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT
AT HOLLYWOOD PARK



Los Angeles Stadium under construction, June 2019



Location in California

- Show map of the Los Angeles metropolitan area
- Show map of California
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History

Hollywood Park Racetrack

The stadium site was previously home to **Hollywood Park**, later sold and referred to as **Betfair Hollywood Park**, which was a thoroughbred race course from 1938 until it was shut down for racing and training in December 2013. The casino remained open, containing a poker card room. Most of the complex was demolished in 2014 to make way for new construction with the rest demolished in late 2016 after the new Hollywood Park Casino was opened. The current stadium project was not the first stadium proposed for the site. The site was almost home to a NFL stadium two decades earlier. In May 1995 after the departure of the Rams for St.

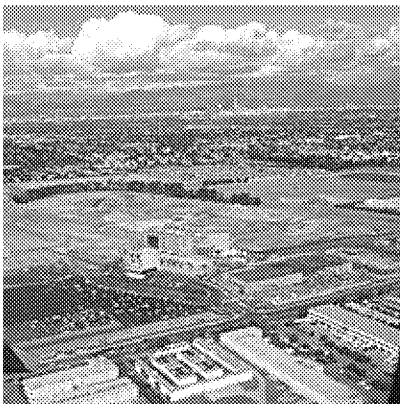
Former names	City of Champions Stadium (planning phase) ^[1]
Location	Inglewood, California
Coordinates	33.95345°N 118.3392°W﻿ / ﻿
Public transit	 M Downtown Inglewood station (planned 2020)
Owner	Kroenke Sports & Entertainment <div> <div>Hollywood Park Land Company, LLC. (A joint venture of The Flesher Group and Stockbridge Capital Group)</div> <div>City of Inglewood</div> </div>
Executive suites	275
Capacity	70,240 ^[2] (expandable to 100,240) ^{[3][4]} for Super Bowls, Wrestlemania, FIFA World Cups, Summer Olympics, and other major events. ^[5]
Acreage	298 acres (121 ha)
Surface	Artificial turf
	Construction
Broke ground	November 17, 2016
Construction cost	\$4.963 billion (estimated, including development) ^{[6][7]}
Architect	HKS, Inc.
Project manager	Legends Global Planning ^[8]
Structural engineer	Walter P Moore Engineers and Consultants ^[9]
Services engineer	Henderson Engineers, Inc. ^[10]
General contractor	Turner/AECOM HuntJV ^[11]
	Tenants
	<div> <div>Los Angeles Rams (NFL) (2020–)</div> <div>Los Angeles Chargers (NFL) (2020–)</div> </div>

Louis, the National Football League team owners approved, by a 27-1 vote with two abstentions, a resolution supporting a plan to build a \$200 million, privately funded stadium on property owned by Hollywood Park for the Los Angeles Raiders. Al Davis, who was then the Raiders owner balked and refused the deal over a stipulation that he would have had to accept a second team at the stadium.^[14]

2014: Location discussions

On January 31, 2014, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that Stan Kroenke, owner of the St. Louis Rams, purchased a 60-acre parcel of land just north of the Hollywood Park site in an area that had been studied by the National Football League in the past and at one point attempted to purchase.^[15] This set off immediate speculation as to what Kroenke's intentions were for the site: it was originally planned to be a Walmart Supercenter; however, in 2014, most of the speculation centered on the site as a possible stadium site or training facility for the Rams.^[16] NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell represented that Kroenke informed the league of the purchase. As an NFL owner, any purchase of land in which a potential stadium could be built must be disclosed to the league. Speculation about the Rams' returning to their home of nearly fifty years had already been discussed when Kroenke was one of the finalists in bidding for ownership in the Los Angeles Dodgers, but speculation increased when the news broke that the Rams owner had a possible stadium site in hand.^{[17][18]}

2015



2015 aerial view of former racetrack and complex site, with the Downtown Los Angeles skyline in background.

Nearly a year went by without a word from Kroenke about his intentions for the land, as he failed to ever address the St. Louis media, or the Hollywood Park Land Company, about what the site may be used for. There was, however, speculation about the future of the Rams franchise until it was reported that the National Football League would not be allowing any franchise relocation for the 2015 season.^[19]

Construction and design

On January 5, 2015, Stockbridge Capital Group, the owners of the Hollywood Park Land Company, announced that it had partnered with Kroenke Sports & Entertainment to add the northern 60-acre parcel to the rest of the development project and build a multi-purpose 70,240-seat stadium designed for the NFL.^[20] The project will include the stadium of seating capacity up to 100,240 (including standing room-only seats), an ETFE roof with digital

advertising and a performance arts venue attached to the stadium up to 6,000 seats while reconfiguring the previously approved Hollywood Park entertainment venue that includes plans for up to 900,000 square feet of retail, 800,000 square feet of office space, 2,500 new residential and condo units, a 300-room luxury hotel and 25 acres of public parks, playgrounds, open space, a lake and pedestrian, bicycle and mass-transit access for future services. The stadium would be ready by 2019. On February 24, 2015, the Inglewood City Council approved the stadium plan and the initiative with construction on the stadium planned to begin in December 2015.^{[15][21]}

On February 24, 2015, the Inglewood City Council approved plans with a 5–0 unanimous vote to combine the 60-acre plot of land with the larger Hollywood Park development and rezone the area to include sports and entertainment capabilities. This essentially cleared the way for developers to begin construction on the venue as planned in December 2015.^{[22][23][24]}

It was also reported, in early February 2015, that "earth was being moved" and the site was being graded to be prepared for the construction that would begin later in the year.^[25]

Timeline

2016

The NFL approved the Inglewood proposal and the Rams' relocation back to Los Angeles, 30–2, on January 12, 2016. On July 14, 2016, it was announced that Turner Construction and AECOM Hunt would oversee construction of the stadium and that the HKS, Inc. architect firm will design the stadium.^[26]

On October 19, 2016, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) determined that a 110-foot-tall LB 44 rotary drill rig would not pose a hazard to air navigation, so it approved the first of several pieces of heavy equipment to be used during construction. The stadium design had been under review by the FAA for more than a year because of concerns about how the structure would interact with radar at nearby Los Angeles International Airport.^[27] On December 16, 2016, it was reported in *Sports Business Journal* that the FAA had declined to issue permits for cranes needed to build the structure. "We're not going to evaluate any crane applications until our concerns with the overall project are resolved," said FAA spokesman Ian Gregor.^[28] The FAA had previously recommended building the stadium at another site due to the risks posed to LAX—echoing concerns raised by former United States Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge.^[29]

The Rams held the groundbreaking construction ceremony at the future Los Angeles Stadium at Hollywood Park site on November 17, 2016. The ceremony featured NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Rams' owner Stan Kroenke.^{[30][31]}

On December 23, 2016, the FAA approved the large construction cranes to build the stadium.^[32]

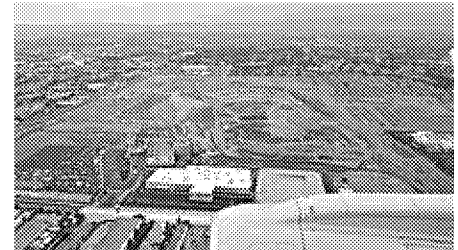
2017

On May 18, 2017, developers announced that record rainfall in the area had postponed the stadium's completion and opening from 2019 to until the 2020 NFL season.^{[33][34]}

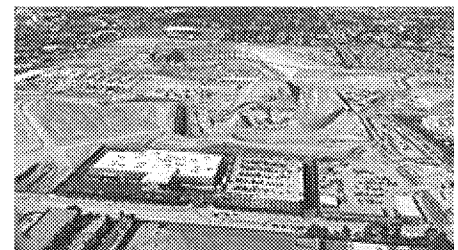
On August 8, 2017, the **LA Stadium Premiere Center** in Playa Vista opened as a place for suite buyers and season ticket holders to preview the stadium. The center contains a massive replica model of the stadium, giving potential buyers a preview of what they can expect when the stadium opens.^{[35][36][37]}

2018

The NFL announced that NFL Media will add 200,000 square feet of space to the LA Stadium campus and move from its current facility in Culver City around mid 2021. In addition to office and studio space, the new facility also will



2016 aerial view of the stadium construction site, adjacent to The Forum. The new Hollywood Park Casino is in the foreground.



September 2017 aerial view of the construction site

feature NFL Media's first outdoor studio and studio space to host live audiences.^[38]

On June 26, 2018, the stadium reached 40% completion. The project "topped out" which is a construction term used to signify that the highest steel beam on the stadium has been put into place.



LA Stadium under on November 2018.

2019

By January 25, 2019, the stadium was 60% complete.^[39]

By April 2019, the stadium was two-thirds complete with the outer shell of the canopy complete.^[40]

The San Francisco-based SoFi (Social Finance) was rumored to have negotiated naming rights deal worth \$400 million.^[41]

The covered "open space" formerly known as "champions plaza" between the playing field and the performance venue within the stadium was officially named American Airlines Plaza. The airline was named the first founding partner on August 6th, 2019.^[42]

Funding

The stadium is being built privately,^[43] but the developer is seeking significant tax breaks from Inglewood.^[44]

The cost of the stadium project was originally estimated to be approximately \$2.66 billion upon the commencement of construction. However, internal league documents produced by the NFL in March 2018 indicated a need to raise the debt ceiling for the facility to a total of \$4.963 billion, making it one of the most expensive sports and entertainment venues ever built. Team owners were expected to vote and approve this new debt ceiling at a meeting that same month.^[45]

Tenants and events

The Los Angeles Rams were first to commit to moving to the stadium, as NFL approval for their relocation was obtained on January 12, 2016. The approval also gave the San Diego Chargers the first option to relocate to Los Angeles and share the stadium with the Rams, conditioned on a negotiated lease agreement between the two teams. The option would have expired on January 15, 2017, at which time the Oakland Raiders would have acquired the same option.^[46]

On January 29, 2016, the Rams and Chargers came to an agreement in principle to share the stadium. The Chargers would contribute a \$200 million stadium loan from the NFL and personal seat license fees to the construction costs and would pay \$1 per year in rent to the Rams.^[47] The same day, Chargers chairman-CEO Dean Spanos announced the team would remain in San Diego for the 2016 NFL season, while continuing to work with local government on a new stadium.^[48] Measure C (the Chargers stadium proposal) did not receive the requisite number of votes required for passage.

On January 12, 2017, the Chargers exercised their option and announced plans to relocate to Los Angeles for the 2017 season, making the Chargers the second tenant at the stadium and returning them to the market where they played their inaugural season in 1960.^{[49][50]}

When the Rams and Chargers move into the stadium, projected for August 2020, it will mark the return of major professional sports to Inglewood for the first time since the Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Kings left The Forum for Staples Center in May 1999.

WrestleMania

On April 22, 2019, the mayor of Inglewood confirmed that the city has placed a bid to bring WWE's WrestleMania to the stadium in the next couple of years, possibly in 2021 for the event's 37th edition.

NFL

Super Bowl LVI

- The stadium will host Super Bowl LVI in 2022.^[51] It was initially to host Super Bowl LV in 2021, but construction delays mentioned above have pushed back the Super Bowl hosting duties by one year (NFL owners voted to move Super Bowl LV to Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Florida).

College football

Bowl Game

Beginning in 2020, the stadium will host a postseason bowl game between a team from the Pacific-12 Conference and the Mountain West Conference.

2023 CFP National Championship

- On November 1, 2017, it was announced that the stadium will host the 2023 College Football Playoff National Championship.^[52]

Association football

2026 FIFA World Cup

- A local bid for the Los Angeles area in the 2026 FIFA World Cup was organized by private businesses led by AEG with assistance from the Los Angeles Sports and Entertainment District Commission (LA Stadium), Los Angeles FC, the LA Galaxy, and Rose Bowl Stadium. The Los Angeles City Council approved the bid after private businesses showed support and offered to pay hosting costs.^[53] The Los Angeles Stadium was not selected as a bidding venue in the winning Canada–Mexico–United States bid because the organizing committee left unbuilt venues out of its final evaluations.^[54] The United Bid committee stated they would re-evaluate the stadium selection process and re-visit LA Stadium as their main option stadium in the Los Angeles Metro area in June 2020.^[55] The American bid to host the World Cup was awarded by FIFA on June 13, 2018.^[53]

2028 Summer Olympics

The Hollywood Park stadium is expected to host the Opening Ceremony during the 2028 Summer Olympics. Los Angeles organizers proposal has scheduled the stadium co-host the Games' ceremonies with the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum with a dual-venue format.^[56] The stadium will also host Archery and soccer matches.

Other events

The stadium also allows other potential NFL opportunities on the complex such as an NFL, MLS, NCAA Football retail store, the NFL Honors ceremony, NFL Films premieres, other NFL-themed events, a West Coast wing of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and NFL-themed hotels.^[57]

Hollywood Park

The surrounding development around the stadium will include the new Hollywood Park entertainment complex and master planned neighborhood with over 8.5 million square feet (790,000 m²) for office space and condominiums, it will also include a 6,000-seat performance and theatre venue attached to the stadium, outdoor movie screen, ballrooms, outdoor spaces, retail, a lake with a waterfall fountain, a luxury hotel, high-scale restaurants and an open-air shopping center.^[58] There will also be team stores for the Chargers and Rams.^[57] The first new establishment to open service on the site was the new Hollywood Park Casino, which opened on October 21, 2016.^[13]

NFL Media Campus

The campus will become the new home of NFL Media which is currently based in Culver City. The NFL will develop a 200,000 square foot space to house office operations for hundreds of employees that work for NFL.com, the NFL app and NFL RedZone. It will also be the new site for the NFL Network headquarters. In addition to office and studio space, the facility also will feature NFL Media's first outdoor studio and space to host studio audiences. The new NFL Media studio campus is expected to open by the summer of 2021.^[38]

Defeated rival proposals

The Hollywood Park stadium project plan competed directly with a rival proposal. On February 19, 2015, the Oakland Raiders and the San Diego Chargers announced plans for a privately financed \$1.85 billion stadium that the two teams would build in Carson if they were to move to the Los Angeles market. Both teams stated that they would continue to attempt to get stadiums built in their respective cities.^[59]

On April 21, 2015, Carson City Council bypassed the option to put the stadium to a public vote and approved the plan 3–0.^[60] The NFL approved the Rams' relocation on January 12, 2016, with 30 of the 32 owners voting their approval to relocate, effectively ending the Carson proposal.^[61]

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- History of the Los Angeles Chargers
- History of the National Football League in Los Angeles

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