

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2010 UPDATE
[CEQA Guidelines Section 15087]
April 21, 2010

TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District
1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT TITLE: Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan (2010 Update)
PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: Santa Monica Community College District

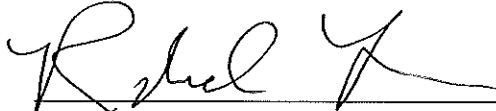
Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105, the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) is providing public notice that it has completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan 2010 Update ("Proposed Project"). The Draft EIR will be made available for review and comment during a 45-day public review period commencing on April 21, 2010 and ending on June 4, 2010.

The Proposed Project encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, and seven satellite facilities: (1) the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, (2) the Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, (3) the Performing Arts Campus at 1310 11th Street, (4) the Emeritus College Campus at 1227 Second Street, (5) the Airport Arts Campus at 2800 Airport Avenue, (6) the Administration Building at 2714 Pico Boulevard, and (7) the Bundy Campus at 3171 South Bundy Drive. Some of the satellite facilities (i.e., Emeritus, Airport Arts, and Administration) will have no proposed changes, and they are not evaluated in the Draft EIR. Future changes to the Bundy Campus were already evaluated in the Bundy Campus Master Plan EIR, and no new changes are proposed to that campus. The primary objective of the SMC Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan (2010 Update) is to update the 1998 Santa Monica College [Educational Facilities] Master Plan (Amended 2002, 2004, and 2007) goals and policies with respect to acquiring, planning, developing, and maintaining facilities and equipment to provide the best possible educational environment and promote the incorporation of sustainable resources. In total, the Proposed Project would result in a total of approximately 1,409,151 gross square feet of development (or approximately 903,552 square feet of assignable square feet (ASF)) campus-wide, which is a net increase of 243,626 gross square feet (or approximately 161,990 square feet ASF) as compared to the existing environmental baseline conditions. The Proposed Project would involve the demolition of approximately 227,020 square feet of gross building area (or 144,877 square feet ASF).

The Draft EIR examines the impacts of the Proposed Project on the environment. With the implementation of mitigation measures, impacts would be less than significant in the following issue areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality/Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise/Vibration, Public Services (Fire Protection), Geology/Soils, and Neighborhood Effects. Impacts found to be less than significant without mitigation measures include the following issue areas: Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Public Utilities, Public Services (Police Protection), and Parking. Impacts associated with Transportation/Traffic cannot be fully mitigated and therefore will result in significant and unavoidable impacts.

The public is encouraged to provide written comments to the SMCCD with respect to the adequacy and completeness of the EIR. The Draft EIR will be made available to the public via the College's official website at www.smc.edu/facilities_masterplan. Copies of the Draft EIR and all documents referenced in the Draft EIR will be also be available for public review at SMC's Administrative Offices during normal business hours at 2714 Pico Boulevard, Room 320, Santa Monica, California 90405. All comments regarding the adequacy and completeness of the Draft EIR should be submitted in writing to the following address by no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 4, 2010:

Randal Lawson, Executive Vice-President
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Mr. Randal Lawson, Executive Vice President

4/20/2010
Date