

## **Student Services Replacement, Bookstore Modernization, and Pico Promenade Improvements Project**

- The 1998 SMC Master Plan, adopted with community-wide input, has guided the College through a program of earthquake recovery and campus modernizations. This project implements the final phase of the plan.
- Elements include an entry plaza, below grade parking, a replacement student services and administration building, north campus building improvements, related demolitions, Pico promenade improvements, elimination of surface parking, campus landscaping, and a public transit bus pull out to be accommodated as a separate project.
- The project is to be financed by a 2007 State capital outlay allocation, Measure U, Measure S, and District capital funds.
- The project would not generate any increases to student, faculty, or administrative personnel and would result in a net decrease of 5,119 assignable square feet of campus related uses and a net reduction of 178 classroom seats. This includes the demolition and inactivation of approximately 67,124 assignable square feet and the development of approximately 62,005 assignable square feet.

### **Student Services Replacement Building**

- The proposed building would be located on a prominent site on the campus. Positioned in the northeastern quadrant of the campus fronting Pico Boulevard, the building would provide an important connection between the Santa Monica community and its College.
- The building would serve as a gateway to the College, not only by its significant position and presence, but also functionally as a student's first contact and matriculation through the College experience.
- This building would become a significant campus destination. It would consolidate various Student Services departments currently scattered throughout the campus. These services are in facilities that, due to their age and condition, do not provide the amenities required for today's activities; most of these facilities are not connected to a centrally monitored fire alarm system and lack fire sprinklers; and most have interior hallways and doorways that do not meet ADA requirements.
- The functions within these facilities include: Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Enrollment Development, Assessment, International Education, DSPS, Scholarship, Calworks, EOPS, Counseling, and various other programs and services. The convergence of all major student services into one location would improve the outreach and access of all services available to the students at SMC while providing an efficiency of common shared spaces.

### **Underground Parking and Transit**

- A new three-level subterranean parking structure for approximately 500 cars would underlie the building, replacing campus surface parking along Pico Boulevard and restoring campus parking to pre-earthquake levels.
- Amenities would include a parking information station, vehicular drive and passenger drop-off, and a generous parking concourse connection to the street level.
- Real-time electronic parking availability information signage would be provided at various parking entry points along Pico Boulevard. This would help reduce traffic delays approaching the campus.

- With the input of Big Blue Bus (BBB), a separate project has been identified proposing to consolidate two bus stops along Pico to one stop. A parallel loading space that could accommodate bus pull-out with ample transition space is part of this proposed project. This would also help reduce traffic congestion along Pico Boulevard.

### **Bookstore**

- Renovation of Drescher Hall is a critical component to this plan. Its proximity to the Student Services Building suggests that it be redefined as a hub of student activity. Relocation of the College bookstore to the ground floor of Drescher Hall would compliment the adjacent Student Services Building and reinforce the new campus gateway.
- The area between Drescher Hall and Pico Boulevard would be transformed into an active zone supported by student concessions at the building's ground floor as well as the public transit stop at the street edge.
- Exterior building treatments and enhanced landscape would update the existing building's appearance.

### **Landscaping and Overall**

- In its highly visible and prominent location, the new Student Services Building would be a catalyst to help redefine the Pico Boulevard edge of the campus and provide a new identity for SMC.
- This transformation would include the creation of a grand campus entry plaza and landscape area.
- This new promenade connection to the public way would define a formal campus entry that currently does not exist.
- The Pico Boulevard Promenade would change the image and impression of the SMC campus by its community connectivity of view and approach.