

**SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND COMMUNITY MEETING FOR THE
BUNDY CAMPUS MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
[CEQA Guidelines Section 15087]
September 29, 2006**

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 and
Community Meeting
PROJECT TITLE: Bundy Campus Master Plan
PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: Santa Monica Community College District

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15105, the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD), as Lead Agency, is providing public notice that it has completed an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Bundy Campus Master Plan (i.e., Master Plan). The Bundy Campus Master Plan will serve SMCCD's Bundy Campus, located at 3171 S. Bundy Drive in the City of Los Angeles.

The proposed Master Plan is a long-range planning document that establishes a legal framework to guide the future operation and development envisioned for the Bundy Campus. Buildout of the Master Plan calls for: (1) demolition of the existing two-story, 33,055-square-foot East Building on the Bundy Campus with possible interim uses pending demolition; (2) construction of a two-story New Building of similar size (approximately 38,205 square feet) to replace the East Building and to be located closer to the center of the campus and immediately east of the existing on-site four-story West Building; (3) provision of a total of approximately 780 on-site parking spaces (including approximately 550 surface parking spaces and approximately 230 subterranean parking spaces); (4) access improvements including a new driveway to accommodate the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation's (LADOT) new traffic signal at the northeast corner of the campus; (5) provision of a pedestrian parkway along Bundy Drive; (6) landscaping/open space elements; (7) continued use and improvements to the four-story West Building; and (8) other miscellaneous general site improvements.

The Draft EIR examines the impacts of the Master Plan on the environment. No adverse impacts have been identified in association with the following issue areas: Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; and Geology and Soils. Impacts associated with the following issue areas would be less than significant without mitigation: Aesthetics (Views and Visual Character); Air Quality (Operation); Hazards (Hazardous Materials, Airport Hazards, and Emergency Response); Hydrology (Groundwater and Drainage); Land Use and Planning; Utilities; Public Services; and Transportation and Traffic (Regional Transportation and Parking). With recommended mitigation measures, impacts associated with the following issue areas can be reduced to below a less-than-significant level: Aesthetics (Light and Glare); Air Quality (Construction); Hazards (Hazardous Material Release); Hydrology (Storm Drains and Runoff); and Noise (Operation). Impacts associated with the following issue areas cannot be fully mitigated and, therefore, will result in significant and unavoidable impacts: Noise (Operation); Transportation and Traffic (Intersections and Street Segments), and Neighborhood Effects (Operational Noise, Intersections, and Street Segments).

The Draft EIR will be available for review and comment during a 45-day public review period commencing on September 29, 2006 and ending on November 13, 2006. During this period, the Draft EIR will be made available to the public via the College's official website at: http://www.smc.edu/facilities_bundy. Copies of the Draft EIR and the Draft EIR Technical Appendices will also be available for public review at Santa Monica College's Bundy Campus at 3171 S. Bundy Drive, Room 120, Los Angeles, California 90066.

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 PM on November 13, 2006**:

**Randal Lawson, Executive Vice-President
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405**

A community meeting will be held during the public review period to solicit comments from individuals, organizations, and public agencies regarding the adequacy and completeness of the Draft EIR. The scoping meeting will be held at **7:00 PM on Thursday, November 2, 2006** at the following location:

**Santa Monica College Bundy Campus
Community Room
3171 S. Bundy Drive
Los Angeles, California 90066**

Following the public review period, SMCCD will prepare a Final EIR. The Final EIR will include additions and corrections to the Draft EIR, as appropriate, and written responses addressing the comments and recommendations received from individuals, organizations, and public agencies during the public review period.

Dr. Chui L. Tsang, Superintendent/President, Santa Monica College

Date