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Santa Monica Community College District

COMMUNITY MEETINGS FOR THE

CAREER & EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE

Community meetings will be held to present SMC's facilities planning update and to solicit public comments with regard to the proposed project. The meeting on October 14 will be a scoping meeting to solicit public comments with regard to potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the proposed project.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, September 30, 2009/7 pm
Bundy Campus Community Room
3171 S. Bundy Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90066

COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday, October 7, 2009/7 pm
Academy of Entertainment & Technology
Room 235, 1660 Stewart Street
Santa Monica, CA 90404

COMMUNITY MEETING & SCOPING MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2009/7 pm
SMC Main Campus, Business Room 111
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405

CAREER & EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT



COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS: Community meetings to solicit public comment on the information contained in the Santa Monica College Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update will be held on September 30 and on October 7, 2009. See reverse side for locations and time.

SCOPING MEETING ON THE PROPOSED UPDATE AND EIR: The District has determined that a Program and Project-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the Master Plan 2009 Update (i.e., Proposed Project). SMCCD is the Lead Agency for the Proposed Project and is requesting your input as to the scope and content of relevant environmental information to be considered in the Master Plan 2009 Update EIR. You are invited to participate in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) consultation and CEQA review process. A scoping meeting will be held in Business 111 on the Main Campus, on October 14 at 7 pm.

DESCRIPTION & PROGRAMS OF SANTA MONICA COLLEGE: Santa Monica College (SMC) is an accredited public two-year community college, founded in 1929. The campus system is located on several sites within and adjacent to the City of Santa Monica. SMC provides exceptional educational programs that prepare students for successful careers through job training or as preparation for transfer to universities.

The College offers credit curriculum in about 100 subject areas and provides specialized continuing education, dual enrollment, non-credit, senior, and public programs.

OVERVIEW OF THE 1998 MASTER PLAN: The Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan, adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1998, is a strong statement of specific strategies to guide SMC in meeting the needs of the present and anticipating the demands of the future.

It is a living document and provides overall development principles, such as encouraging interaction, program adjacencies, a campus design with clear logic, a balance of open space and density, sustainability, the use of technology, a vehicle free interior, parking self-sufficiency, celebrated arrival via public

transportation, and developing the campuses as community resources with accessible public amenities.

The 1998 Master Plan identified a number of projects that have been completed or are in progress. The Plan was amended in 2007 to provide for facilities on the Bundy campus. The final project of the 1998 Master Plan is under construction.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE: The proposed update incorporates current College facility planning, including projects approved by the voters of Santa Monica and Malibu in the Measure U, Measure S, and Measure AA elections:

- ◆ Identifies options for SMC campus sites with regard to land use, transportation, and sustainability.
- ◆ Reduces the planned density and increases the planned open space for the Main campus; and provides for a replacement Physical Education building, a replacement Math and new Science wing building, seismic repair, and improvements for the Pico Boulevard frontage.
- ◆ Provides for expansion at the Academy campus to accommodate programs in digital arts, media, communication, journalism, and broadcasting, and incorporated parking, and the relocation of the College's radio station.
- ◆ Provides for long-range development planning at the Olympic Shuttle site.
- ◆ Provides for program expansion at the Performing Arts campus in music, art, and public programs, related parking, and seismic repair.

BENEFITS OF THE MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE:

- ◆ Assists the College in preparing students for the jobs of the 21st century and competing in a global economy, including enhancing the teaching facilities of math, science and technology.
- ◆ Integrates learning, support, and administrative facilities; campus services; community services; and public opportunities to create vibrant and walkable campuses.
- ◆ Enhances student and faculty interaction,

optimizes functional relationships of SMC facilities, and creates a balance of the natural environment and built facilities.

- ◆ Provides students with an efficient transit system to reduce traffic congestion and fuel consumption.
- ◆ Allows for the design of energy and water-efficient buildings, provides for the best possible educational environment, and promotes the incorporation of sustainable practices.
- ◆ Identifies program improvements for specific projects.
- ◆ Provides the College with a framework to promote design excellence in future projects.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is an informational document which informs public agency decision-makers and the public of the significant environmental effects of a project, identifies possible ways to minimize the significant effects, and describes reasonable alternatives to the project.

Santa Monica College has determined that an EIR will be prepared for the Proposed Project. The NOP is currently being circulated for a 30-day review period to solicit comments from identified responsible and trustee agencies, as well as interested parties on the scope of the Draft EIR.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE AREAS TO BE ANALYZED IN THE EIR: The Lead Agency through an Initial Study has identified the following environmental issue areas to be included within the scope of the EIR: Air Quality, Aesthetics (Views, Light & Glare), Biology, Cultural/Historic Resources, Geology/Soils, Global Climate Change, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Public Utilities (Water, Sewer, and Energy Conservation), Public Services (Police and Fire Protection), Transportation and Circulation, Parking, Neighborhood Effects. Copies of the Draft Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist are available at SMC's web site at www.smc.edu/facilities_masterplan.