APPENDIX A

Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study

SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND SCOPING MEETING FOR THE SANTA MONICA COLLEGE FACILITIES MASTER PLAN 2009 UPDATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
[CEQA Guidelines Section 15082]

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TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District
1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT TITLE: Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update
PROJECT PROPONENT/APPLICANT: Santa Monica Community College District

Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) has determined that a Program and Project-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required for the Santa Monica College Career and Educational Facilities Master Plan (2009 Update), herein after referred to as the "Proposed Project." The SMCCD is the Lead Agency for this project and is requesting your Agency's input as to the scope and content of environmental information germane to your Agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the Proposed Project. Your Agency will need to use this EIR when considering any applicable approvals that may be required by your Agency. Interested parties, organizations and persons are also invited to participate in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) consultation and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review process.

Project Location

The Proposed Project encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, the Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, the SMC Performing Arts Campus at 1310 11th Street, the Emeritus College Campus at 1227 Second Street, the Airport Arts Campus at 2800 Airport Avenue, the Administration Building at 2714 Pico Boulevard, and the Bundy Campus at 3171 South Bundy Drive, all in or adjacent to the City of Santa Monica. (See Project Location Maps, attached.)

Project Description

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The purposes of the Proposed Project are to identify long-term planning goals for SMC facilities that will assist the Santa Monica Community College District (District) in preparing students for the jobs of the 21st Century and competing in a global economy, including improving the teaching of math, science, and technology; to identify program improvements for specific projects; and to obtain necessary project-specific approvals.

The Proposed Project will involve renovation, new construction and demolition of facilities on the 41.5-acre Santa Monica College Main Campus at 1900 Pico Boulevard, the 3.5-acre Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus at 1660 Stewart Street, the 2.4-acre Olympic Shuttle lot at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard, and the 4.5-acre SMC Performing Arts Campus located at 1310 11th Street. All properties are located in the City of Santa Monica. No facility changes are proposed at Emeritus College, the Airport Arts Campus nor the Administration Building. No amendments are proposed to the Bundy Campus Master Plan.

The Proposed Project provides for the orderly implementation of capital improvement projects as identified in Measure AA, a local bond measure approved by the voters of the District in November 2008; the final phase of a modernization program of new and renovated facilities on the Main Campus; the consolidation of related digital media programs in new and renovated facilities on the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus; the seismic repair and expansion of facilities at the Performing Arts Campus; related relocations; related parking improvements; related circulation improvements; related landscaping/open space elements; general site improvements; and the long-range development planning for the Olympic Shuttle site.

For the Main Campus, the 2009 Master Plan calls for a replacement Math and Science Extension building (70,057 asf); a replacement Health, Fitness, Dance, and Physical Education building (38,000 asf); a new centralized plant for heating and cooling; additional renovations and additions related to the modernization of Drescher Hall and the Pico Promenade beautification project (7,100 asf); and the replacement of the stadium and related facilities (20,047 asf). The 2009 Master Plan calls for the demolition of the Liberal Arts Building (-19,278 asf), the demolition of the Letters and Science Building (-14,892 asf), the demolition of the Math Complex and the Library Village (-32,010 asf), the demolition of the Physical Education building (-16,744 asf), the demolition of the ESL Building (-4,828 asf), and the demolition of the stadium and related facilities (-16,518 asf). All numbers are approximations.

Implementation of the 2009 Master Plan at the Main Campus will result in a net increase of approximately 64,554 asf on the Main Campus.

When fully implemented under the 2009 Master Plan, the total building area for the Main Campus, including all projects currently existing or entitled, will be approximately six percent below the gross square feet called for under the 1998 Master Plan.

For the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus, the 2009 Master Plan calls for a reduction of the existing 31,521 asf building to a new building area of 29,297 asf; the addition of a new wing to the existing building with 19,419 asf, including a new parking structure with 450 parking spaces to replace 262 surface parking spaces; and a new building to house SMC's radio station (KCRW) with 27,753 asf. Parking will be two levels below grade and four levels above grade plus rooftop parking, with entry and egress from a relocated driveway on Pennsylvania Avenue, currently a one-way street flowing to the east. A commercial project pending with the City of Santa Monica proposes the conversion of Pennsylvania Avenue to a two-way street, and the 2009 Master Plan accommodates this anticipated change by the City of Santa Monica. All numbers are approximations.

Implementation of the 2009 Master Plan at the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus will result in a net increase of approximately 44,948 asf and the net addition of approximately 188 parking spaces.

For the Olympic Shuttle site, the 2009 Master Plan calls for the long-range development of educational facilities with a total building area of 48,750 asf including a parking structure with 630 parking spaces, to replace a surface parking lot with 209 parking places. Because no specific project on the Olympic Shuttle site is proposed at this time, this will be a program-level analysis of this site.

For the SMC Performing Arts Campus, the 2009 Master Plan calls for a replacement of the east wing of the main classroom building at 1310 Santa Monica Boulevard with a new two-story wing that connects at both levels to the main structure (15,460 asf); a new extension to the west wing of the main building (3,350 asf); and a new fine arts exhibition building with related classrooms and offices (40,600 asf). The 2009 Master Plan calls for the demolition of the existing east wing (-2,980 asf) and the removal of temporary office trailers (-1,400 asf). The Master Plan also calls for a new 3-level underground parking structure and surface parking (650 spaces) to replace an existing surface parking lot (290 spaces). All numbers are approximations.

Implementation of the 2009 Master Plan at the Performing Arts Campus will result in a net increase of approximately 55,030 asf on the Performing Arts Campus and a net increase of approximately 360 parking spaces.

Environmental Issues to be Analyzed in the EIR

The SMCCD, as Lead Agency, has determined that an EIR is required for this Proposed Project and, 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, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Draft Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist

A copy of the Draft Facilities Master Plan and CEQA Initial Study Checklist are accessible on SMC's official website at www.smc.edu/facilities_masterplan.

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will be held to present the Proposed Project and solicit public comments with regard to potential environmental impacts that may occur as a result of the Proposed Project. The scoping meeting will be held on October 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the following location:

SMC Main Campus, Business Room 111
1900 Pico Boulevard
Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Request for Agency Consultation

Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response to this NOP or the scope for this EIR must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. In order to receive consideration in the Draft EIR, comments are due by October 26, 2009. Please address all comments to **Mr. Randal Lawson, Executive Vice President, Santa Monica College at 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405.** Please provide the name of a contact person in your Agency.

Mr. Randal Lawson, Executive Vice President

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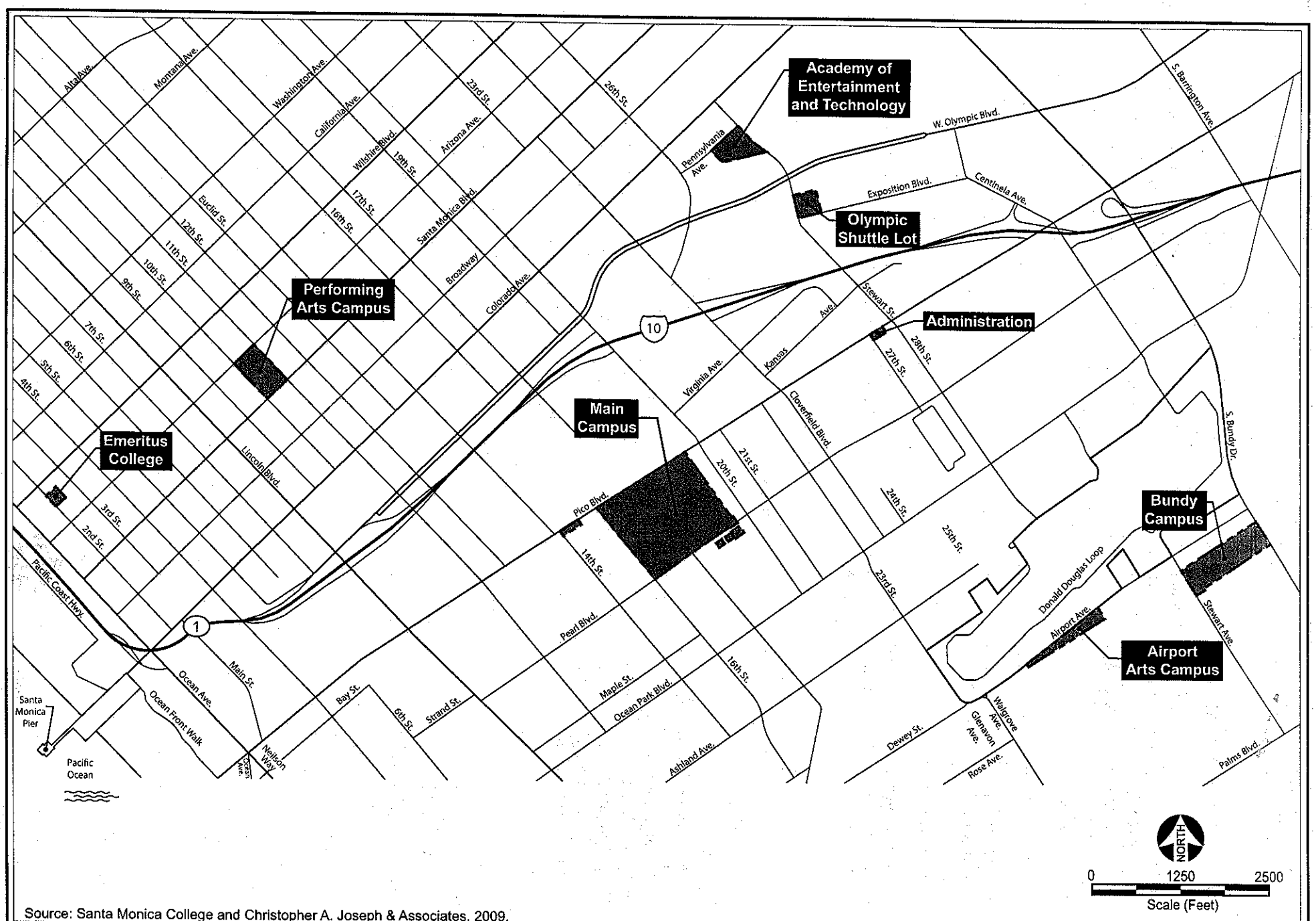

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Environmental Planning and Research

Figure 1
SMC Career and Educational Facilities
Master Plan 2009 Update Project Location Map

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

PROJECT TITLE	**DATE:**
Santa Monica College Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update	September 22, 2009
LEAD AGENCY:	**RESPONSIBLE/TRUSTEE AGENCIES:**
Santa Monica Community College District 1900 W. Pico Boulevard Santa Monica CA 90405	City of Santa Monica

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ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

The Santa Monica College (SMC) campus system is located within the Cities of Santa Monica and Los Angeles, California. All of the SMC campuses are located in urbanized areas served by existing infrastructure, including roadways, utility services, and public services. The campus sites are bounded by a mix of uses, including commercial, industrial, and residential uses depending on the particular campus.

SMC is an accredited public two-year community college originally established in 1929. It currently serves approximately 32,000 students on five campuses (Main Campus, Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus, Bundy Campus, Performing Arts Center Campus, Airport Arts Campus, and Emeritus Campus) and through on-line courses.

SMC's Main Campus is generally located at 1900 Pico Boulevard in Santa Monica. The Main Campus includes the area bounded by Pico Boulevard on the north, 16th Street on the west, Pearl Street on the south, and an alley (18th Court) on the east (this boundary is west of 20th Street), plus a number of properties on the south site of Pearl Street, and a property on Pico Boulevard near 14th Street. The site area on the Main Campus consists of approximately 41.5 acres. The Main Campus contains existing floor area of approximately 507,333 asf, in addition to an athletic field (Corsair Field), swimming pool, parking structures and various other facilities. The Main Campus contains a total of approximately 2,445 parking spaces. The Main Campus is also supported by a series of shuttle parking lots, parking at other campus locations, and an extensive network of bus and shuttle service. In February 2008, SMC approved an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Student Services Replacement, Bookstore Modernization and Pico Promenade Improvements Project on the Main Campus.

The Academy of Entertainment and Technology (AET) campus is located at 1660 Stewart Street in Santa Monica. This satellite campus was established in 1998. The AET campus is located west of Stewart Street and south of Pennsylvania Avenue. The AET campus consists of approximately 3.5 acres. The AET campus contains approximately 31,521 asf of floor area in a two-story building constructed in 1985. It provides 262 surface parking spaces.

The Olympic Shuttle Lot is located at 1831 Stewart Street, in Santa Monica. It is located east of Stewart Street and north of Exposition Boulevard in Santa Monica. It consists of approximately 2.35 acres and contains 209 surface parking spaces. The Olympic Shuttle Lot is presently used to provide off-campus parking for SMC students.

The SMC Performing Arts Center, formerly known as the Madison Campus, is located at 1310 11th Street in Santa Monica. SMC began holding classes at this campus in 1990. The Performing Arts Center Campus includes an area bounded by Santa Monica Boulevard to the south, 11th Street to the east, 10th Street to the west, and Arizona Avenue to the north. The Performing Arts Center campus consists of approximately 4.8 acres. The campus buildings now contain approximately 54,471 asf, including a 500-seat performing arts theater known as the Eli and Edythe Broad Stage; a 23,349 asf, two-story building known as the Music Academy, originally built as an elementary school constructed in 1925 and remodeled in 1937; and 1,400 asf of temporary trailers. The Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery is located within the Music Academy. The site provides 378 parking spaces, including 290 surface parking spaces. Year 2008 was the theater's inaugural season.

The Bundy Campus is located at 3171 South Bundy Drive in West Los Angeles. Classes at this campus began in the Summer of 2005. The Bundy Campus is located west of Bundy Drive, also known as Centinela Avenue, in the City of Los Angeles. It consists of 10.3 acres. The campus is improved with the West Building, a 1980 structure that was renovated in

2004. The West Building contains four stories and approximately 34,913 asf. The two-story East Building has been demolished, and construction of a replacement two-story building containing approximately 24,833 asf and an underground parking structure is underway to the east of the West Building pursuant to the SMC Bundy Campus Master Plan EIR certified in February 2007. Upon completion in 2014, the Bundy Campus will provide approximately 780 parking spaces.

The Airport Arts Campus is located at 2800 Airport Avenue in Santa Monica. Classes at this campus began in 1988. The Airport Arts Campus is located south of Airport Avenue. The Airport Arts Campus consists of approximately 2.2 acres. This campus contains approximately 21,123 asf of floor area built in 1953. This campus provides 239 parking spaces.

SMC's Emeritus College is located at 1227 Second Street in Santa Monica. The Emeritus College program started in 1975. It targets senior citizens. This campus is located on the east side of Second Street mid-block south of Wilshire Boulevard. This campus consists of approximately 0.2 acres. The campus building contains approximately 14,800 asf built in 2002. There are eleven parking spaces.

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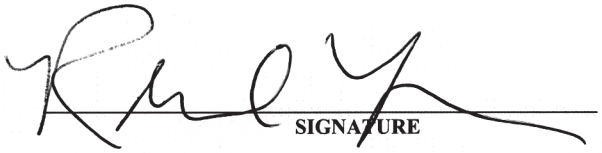
DETERMINATION

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

☐	I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
☐	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions on the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
☒	I find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
☐	I find the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
☐	I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



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Mr. Randal Lawson, Executive Vice President
TITLE

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources cited in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants based on a project-specific screening analysis).

2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.

3) Once it has been determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less that significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.

4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of a mitigation measure has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to "Less Than Significant Impact." Mitigation measures must describe and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from Section XVII, "Earlier Analysis," cross referenced).

5) Earlier analysis must be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR, or negative declaration. Section 15063 (c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:

   a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.

   b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.

   c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less Than Significant With Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.

6) References to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances) should be incorporated into the checklist. Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated

7) Supporting Information Sources: A sources list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

8) This is only a suggested form. However, the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whichever format is selected should be used.

9) The explanation of each issue should identify:

   a) The significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and

   b) The mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist below.

☒ Air Quality	☒ Hazards & Hazardous Materials	☒ Utilities
☒ Aesthetics	☒ Hydrology/Water Quality	☒ Neighborhood Effects
☒ Biological Resources	☒ Noise	☒ Global Climate Change
☒ Cultural Resources	☒ Public Services	☒ Mandatory Findings of Significance
☒ Geology/Soils	☒ Transportation/Circulation	

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS (Explanations of all potentially and less than significant impacts are provided on the following pages.)

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
I. AIR QUALITY. The significance criteria established by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project result in:				
a. Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the SCAQMD or Congestion Management Plan?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Construction of the various projects proposed under the SMC Facilities Master Plan 2009 Update could potentially result in an increase in air pollutants in the vicinity of the Project Sites. Potential impacts related to the applicable air quality plans and global warming are unknown at this time and will be analyzed in the EIR.

b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The demolition of existing buildings and the construction of new buildings at various project locations would have the potential to generate air pollutants in the form of dust and particulate matter (PM_{10} and $PM_{2.5}$), CO, VOC, and SO_X from demolition, earthwork/grading activities and construction equipment exhaust. There is a possibility that an air quality standard could be exceeded or that the Proposed Project could contribute to an existing or projected air quality concern. Therefore, potential impacts related to compliance with air quality standards will be analyzed in the EIR. The EIR will also evaluate the Project's potential to increase air emissions associated with a change in vehicle trips to and from the Project Site.

c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the air basin is non-attainment (ozone, carbon monoxide, & PM_{10}) under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project has the potential to increase traffic to and from SMC Facilities, which could potentially result in an increase in air pollutants in combination with other related projects in the vicinity. Therefore, the potential for cumulative air quality impacts will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various project areas are characterized by a wide variety of uses, including single-family residential homes, multi-family dwellings and commercial, restaurant, industrial and educational uses. The Proposed Project would increase construction emissions and vehicle emissions, potentially exposing residential sensitive receptors as well as students at nearby schools to substantial pollutant concentrations at various locations. Potential impacts related to the exposure of sensitive receptors to air pollutants will therefore be analyzed in the EIR.

e. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	☐	☐	☐	☒

No Impact. The Proposed Project would provide new and renovated classroom and instructional spaces and would not involve any uses or activities with the potential to produce substantial odors, such as manufacturing processes, sewage treatment facilities, and landfills. No objectionable odors are anticipated to occur and no further analysis is required.

II. AESTHETICS. Would the project:				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various project areas are characterized by a wide variety of uses, including

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact

single-family residential homes, multi-family dwellings and commercial, restaurant, industrial, and educational uses. While none of the Project Sites are located in designated scenic areas, the demolition and new construction of buildings at the identified Project Sites has the potential to alter public views. Therefore, the potential for obstruction of desirable public views to occur will be evaluated in the EIR.

b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings, or other locally recognized desirable aesthetic natural feature within a city-designated scenic highway? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The affected Project Sites are not located within or adjacent to any City or State-designated scenic highways.[1] The Proposed Project will involve demolition and new construction of facilities within various locations at SMCCD campuses. As such, development of the Proposed Project has the potential to alter scenic resources, such as historic buildings, should any such resources be located on the Project Sites. The EIR will include a Historic Resources Assessment to determine if any historic buildings are located on the affected Project Sites and determine whether any such resources would be significantly impacted by the development.

c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. As the Proposed Project would renovate existing structures and construct new buildings and infrastructure improvements within various locations at SMCCD campuses, implementation of the Master Plan could result in a potentially significant impact to the visual quality of the Project Sites and surrounding areas. Therefore, potential impacts related to the quality of the Project Sites and their surroundings will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various Project Sites are located in urbanized areas with substantial nighttime lighting due to streetlights, airport lighting, and lighting associated with developed uses on surrounding sites as well as Project Sites. Glare is common in the project areas due to direct sunlight and reflective surfaces on existing features including automobiles traveling and parked on surrounding streets, windows in buildings, and architectural surfaces of existing buildings. The Proposed Project would introduce additional nighttime lighting for security and may create additional glare through building surfaces and windows. Therefore, potential impacts related to nighttime lighting and glare will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. Create a new shadow that would adversely affect a shadow-sensitive use? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would renovate existing structures and construct new buildings and infrastructure improvements within various locations at SMCCD campuses. New structures built adjacent to or in proximity of existing residential or light sensitive uses (i.e., pools, solar easements or panels, schools, etc.) would have the potential to result in significant shade and shadow impacts, depending on the heights of the proposed buildings and proposed building setbacks, which are unknown at this time. As detailed land use surveys have not yet been completed and potential impacts have not been identified, shade and shadow impacts will be evaluated in the EIR.

[1] *California Scenic Highway Mapping System, State of California Department of Transportation. Website http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/scenic_highways/index.htm, accessed July 16, 2008.*

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III. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES. Would the project:

a. Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modification, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The various Project Sites are located within urban areas that are developed with urban infrastructure. The Project Sites are not known to contain any species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status by local or regional plans, policies, or regulation, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

b. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. No resident or migratory fish or wildlife species is expected to occur on any of the identified Project Sites. Therefore, development of the Proposed Project would not interfere with the movement of any fish or wildlife species. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

c. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as tree preservation policy or ordinance (e.g., oak trees or California walnut woodlands)? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact . The Proposed Project would renovate existing structures and construct new buildings and infrastructure improvements within various locations at SMCCD campuses. The Project Sites will be surveyed and evaluated within the EIR to determine if any physical modifications or infrastructure improvements would have the potential to impact any locally protected tree species.

d. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The Project Sites are not within an area designated by an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved habitat conservation plan. Therefore, development of the Proposed Project would not conflict with any such plan. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

IV. CULTURAL RESOURCES: Would the project:

a. Cause a substantial adverse change in significance of a historical resource as defined in State CEQA Section 15064.5? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Based on a review of the City of Santa Monica Historic Resources Inventory,[2] no buildings on the Main Campus, Madison Campus, nor the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus are

[2] *Santa Monica Historic Resources Inventory. Website http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/Final%20Preservation%20Element.pdf, accessed July 16, 2008.*

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designated as National Register Properties, California Register Properties, Santa Monica Landmarks, Structures of Merit, or Points of Interest, nor are the Project Sites located within a designated or potential historic district. Therefore, development of the Proposed Project is not likely to cause an adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Nevertheless, because the Proposed Project may involve the demolition of structures that are over 40 years old, a Historic Resource Assessment will be conducted to evaluate the area of potential effect. As such, the potential to impact a historic resource is unknown at this time, and this issue will be further evaluated within the EIR.

b. Cause a substantial adverse change in significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to State CEQA Section 15064.5? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various Project Sites have all been previously developed and no archaeological resources are known to have been encountered. If any archaeological resources were present on the Project Sites, they have likely been disturbed by previous grading activities. If any archaeological resources that were not previously disturbed are found on the Project Sites during construction activities, then the significance of such resources would be determined and be addressed in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. As such, the potential to impact an archaeological resource is unknown at this time, and this issue will be further evaluated within the EIR.

c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various Project Sites have been previously developed, and no paleontological resources are known to have been encountered. If any paleontological resources were present on any of the Project Sites, they have likely been disturbed by previous grading activities. If any paleontological resources that were not previously disturbed are found during construction activities, then the significance of such resources would be determined and be addressed in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. As such, the potential to impact a paleontological resource is unknown at this time, and this issue will be further evaluated within the EIR.

d. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The various Project Sites have been previously developed, and no human remains are known to have been encountered. If any human remains were present on any of the identified Project Sites, they have likely been disturbed by previous grading activities. If human remains that were not previously disturbed are found during construction activities, then they will be addressed in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. As such, the potential to impact human remains is unknown at this time, and this issue will be further evaluated within the EIR.

V. GEOLOGY AND SOILS. Would the project:

a. Exposure of people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury or death involving :

i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The Project Sites are located in the seismically active region of Southern California. However, none of the Project Sites is located within an Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone.[3] Therefore, the rupture of a known

[3] *Special Publication 42, Interim Revision 2007, Fault-Rupture Hazard Zones, In California Alquist-Priolo*

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earthquake fault on the Project Sites is unlikely. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

ii. Strong seismic ground shaking? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Less Than Significant Impact. Potential impacts from seismic ground shaking would be of comparable intensity at the various Project Sites as they would be for large parts of the City of Santa Monica and the seismically active Southern California region. The Proposed Project would be required to comply with existing applicable laws which reduce seismic risks to an acceptable level. Impacts would be less than significant, and no further analysis is required.

iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Neither the SMC Main Campus nor the Madison Campus is located within a potentially liquefiable area.[4] The Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus and Olympic Shuttle lot are, however, located in an area that is mapped with low to medium potential for liquefiable soils.[5] As such, a geotechnical evaluation to determine the soil properties on those two Project Sites will be conducted and evaluated as part of the EIR.

iv. Landslides? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Less Than Significant Impact. The Project Sites are not immediately adjacent to any mountains or steep slopes and are topographically flat. Therefore, the probability of landslides, including seismically induced landslides, is considered low at the Project Sites. As such, impacts related to landslides would be less than significant, and no further analysis is required.

b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? ☐ ☐ ☒ ☐

Less Than Significant Impact. Development of the Proposed Project has the potential to result in erosion of soils during site preparation and construction activities. The potential for soil erosion during the ongoing operation of the Proposed Project is relatively low due to the generally level topography of the area and the existing improvements on most of the Project Sites. The Proposed Project would comply with all applicable laws which address grading, excavations, and fills. As such, impacts related to soil erosion and loss of topsoil would be less than significant, and no further analysis is required.

c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potential result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse? ☐ ☒ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact Unless Mitigated. No impact would occur with respect to landslide potential, as evaluated in Checklist Questions V (a) iv, above. Potential impacts associated with liquefiable soils beneath the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus and Olympic Shuttle lot have yet to be determined and will be evaluated within the scope of the EIR. The Proposed Project would comply with all applicable laws which address safe construction, including building foundation requirements appropriate to site conditions. As such, the potential to impact soil stability underneath the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus and Olympic shuttle lot is unknown at this time, and this issue will be further evaluated within the EIR.

Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.

4 *City of Santa Monica, Geotechnical Hazards Map, www.smgov.net, Accessed July 15, 2008.*

5 *Ibid.*

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d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Less Than Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would comply with all applicable laws which address safe construction, including building foundation requirements appropriate to site conditions. Should expansive soils be identified in the geotechnical evaluations preformed for the proposed development, appropriate geotechnical recommendations would be developed to ensure the Project is developed in a manner that ensures structural stability and health and safety of the occupants. This issue will be analyzed within the scope of the EIR.

e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?	☐	☐	☐	☒

No Impact. The Project Sites are located in developed areas of the City of Santa Monica and are adequately served by wastewater collection, conveyance and treatment systems. No septic tanks or alternative disposal systems are necessary, nor are they proposed. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

VI. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

Would the project:

a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	☐	☐	☒	☐

Less Than Significant Impact. Other than typical cleaning solvents used for classroom and janitorial purposes, no hazardous materials would be used, transported or disposed of in conjunction with the routine day-to-day operations of the Proposed Project that would create a significant hazard to the public. As such, impacts related to transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials would be less than significant, and no further analysis is required.

b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would use minimal amounts of hazardous materials for classroom uses and routine cleaning. While these uses on the Project Sites would not be expected to result in upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials, a potentially significant impact could occur associated with the demolition of structures that, due to the age of construction, may potentially contain lead-based paint or asbestos. Impacts related to release of hazardous materials will therefore be analyzed in the EIR.

c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would use, at most, minimal amounts of hazardous materials for classroom uses and routine cleaning. While the Proposed Project would not be expected to pose any substantial potential for accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials, a potentially significant impact could occur during construction on the Project Sites. Impacts related to release of any potentially hazardous materials will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. Be located on a site which is included on a list of	☒	☐	☐	☐

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hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?

Potentially Significant Impact. The Project Sites are located in developed areas and may be affected by adjacent or nearby properties that generate hazardous substances or are otherwise identified on regulatory databases for storing or emitting potentially hazardous materials. As such, impacts related to listed hazardous material sites will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. Neither the SMC Main Campus, the Madison Campus nor the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus is located within the designated Airport Influence Area as designated by the County of Los Angeles Airport Land Use Commission. Therefore, no further analysis of this issue is warranted.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for the people residing or working in the area? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. None of the Project Sites is located within the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The Proposed Project would not impair implementation of, nor physically interfere with, an adopted emergency plan. No impact would occur, and no further analysis of this issue is warranted.

h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The Project Sites are located in urbanized areas of the City of Santa Monica and do not contain any lands that are susceptible to high fire hazard terrain or vegetation. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

VII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY. Would the proposal result in:

a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact . The Proposed Project would comply with the applicable Federal, State and local regulations, Code requirements, and permit provisions. The Proposed Project would not include industrial discharge to any public water system and therefore would not violate any water quality standards or waste discharge

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requirements of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Discharge of surface water runoff will have the potential to convey sedimentation and potentially hazardous chemicals and oil and grease generated during the construction process. A storm water mitigation plan will be required to ensure that surface water flows are contained on site and treated prior to entering the storm drains, which eventually discharge into the Santa Monica Bay. As such, water quality impacts would be evaluated in the EIR

b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned land uses for which permits have been granted)? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. No groundwater pumping activities are included as part of the Proposed Project. Therefore the Proposed Project would not have the potential to substantially deplete groundwater resources, and no further analysis of this issue is warranted.

c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. No stream or river courses are located in the vicinity of any of the Project Sites. Runoff currently is, and would continue to be, collected on-site and directed towards existing storm drains in the vicinity of the Project Sites. Although the Proposed Project would not be expected to substantially alter existing drainage patterns of the areas, a significant impact could occur. Impacts related to altered drainage patterns on the Project Sites will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in an manner which would result in flooding on- or off site? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. No stream or river courses are located in the vicinity of any of the Project Sites. Runoff currently is, and would continue to be, collected on-site and directed towards existing storm drains in the vicinity of the Project Sites. Although the Proposed Project would not be expected to substantially alter existing drainage patterns of the areas, a significant impact could occur. Impacts related to altered drainage patterns on the Project Sites will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Runoff currently is and, under the Proposed Project, would continue to be collected on-site and directed towards existing storm drains at each of the Project Sites. While the Proposed Project would not be expected to exceed the stormdrain capacities in the vicinity or generate substantial polluted runoff, a significant impact could occur. Impacts related to stormdrain capacity and polluted runoff will be analyzed in the EIR.

f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

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No Impact. The Proposed Project does not include any additional potential sources of contaminants which could degrade water quality. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

g. Place within a 100-year flood plain structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. A significant impact may occur if the Proposed Project were located within a 100-year flood zone, which would impede or redirect flood flows. None of the Project Sites is located in an area designated as a 100-year flood hazard area.[6] The Proposed Project is located in a highly urbanized area and would not have the potential to impede or redirect floodwater flows. No impact would occur.

h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, inquiry or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. A significant impact may occur if a project were located in an area where a dam or levee could fail, exposing people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death. The Project Sites are not in a 100-year flood hazard area, and there are no levees or dams in the immediate area.[7] Therefore, the Proposed Project would not expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

i. Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. The distances from each of the SMCCD campuses to the Pacific Ocean are as follows: Emeritus College, 0.16 miles; Performing Arts Center, 0.95 miles; SMC Parking Lot, 1.25 miles; Main Campus, 1.36 miles; Airport Arts Campus, 2.05 miles; Academy of Entertainment and Technology, 2.07 miles; Administration, 2.23 miles; Olympic Shuttle Lot, 2.28 miles; and Bundy Campus, 2.51 miles. None of the Project Sites lie in a potential tsunami zone.[8] Furthermore, the Project Sites are generally topographically flat and are not immediately adjacent to a hillside area. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not be expected to expose people or structures to risks as a result of tsunami, seiche, or mudflow. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

VIII. NOISE. Would the project:

a. Exposure of persons to or generation of noise in level in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Construction activity would be subject to the City of Santa Monica noise regulations (also known as the Noise Ordinance) as codified in the Municipal Code (SMMC), which limits the hours of allowable construction activities and prohibits loud, unnecessary and unusual construction noise within 500 feet of any residential zone. As the Project Sites are bordered by single-family and multi-family residential uses, as well as noise-sensitive commercial land uses (sound recording, schools, cemetery, etc.), the construction of the Proposed Project may exceed construction noise standards established by the Noise Ordinance, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Therefore, the potential impacts related to noise levels that exceed established standards will be analyzed in the EIR.

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[6] *Flood Insurance Rate Map (Firm), FEMA, Website http://www.esri.com/hazards/index.html, accessed July 16, 2008 .*

[7] *Ibid*

[8] *Ibid.*

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b. Exposure of people to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The short-term grading and construction phase of the Proposed Project would require the daily use of heavy machinery and construction equipment which could result in the temporary exposure of persons to high noise levels and result in a potentially significant impact. Therefore, potential impacts from groundborne vibration and noise will be analyzed in the EIR.

c. A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The areas surrounding the Project Sites are dominated by noise sensitive land uses such as single-family and multi-family residential uses, as well as noise-sensitive commercial land uses (sound recording, schools, cemetery, etc.). The Proposed Project may increase or otherwise change existing SMC activity levels and vehicle traffic at one or more of the Project Sites, which could create a long-term increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Therefore, potential impacts related to permanent increases in ambient noise levels will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The construction of the Proposed Project would generate temporary and periodic noise increases during construction activities that may exceed construction noise standards established by the Noise Ordinance, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Therefore, potential impacts related to temporary increases in ambient noise levels will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

No Impact. None of the Project Sites is located within the Santa Monica Airport Influence Area as designated by the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission Maps.[9] As such, the Proposed Project would not have potential to expose students and employees to excessive noise levels from airport-related land uses, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Therefore, no further analysis of this issue is warranted.

f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	☐	☐	☐	☒

No Impact. None of the Project Sites is located in the vicinity of a private airstrip. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

IX. PUBLIC SERVICES. Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the

[9] *Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission, Santa Monica Airport, Airport Influence Area Map, May 13, 2003.*

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provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:				
a. Fire protection?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Fire protection services are provided by the Santa Monica Fire Department. The Proposed Project is not expected to substantially increase the demand for fire service. However, the Proposed Project would alter activity levels on the Project Sites and would involve demolition and construction on the various campus locations as identified in the project description. As such, compliance with all applicable fire and building codes, including adequate fire truck accessibility and water pressure, would be required to maintain adequate fire protection services. Potential impacts related to fire protection will be analyzed in the EIR.

b. Police protection?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Project Sites are served by the Santa Monica College Police Department (SMCPD). The Santa Monica College Police Department is a dedicated, full service police department available 24 hours a day/365 days a year. The SMCPD has a mutual assistance agreement with the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), and both departments assist each other in responding to emergency situations as the need arises. While the Project Sites would be patrolled during construction and operation, police services would be similar to those required by the existing uses on the Project Sites. Nevertheless, because the Proposed Project will include developing new structures and open space areas that will be accessible to the general public, impacts upon public safety will be analyzed in the EIR.

X. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION. Would the project:				
a. Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to ratio capacity on roads, or congestion at intersections)?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would involve the demolition of buildings and the renovation and new construction of other structures on the SMC Main Campus, Madison Campus, and the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus. Also, the usage of the Olympic Shuttle Lot that supports the campuses will potentially change based on the modifications and alterations proposed at the other campuses. While the proposed Master Plan is not anticipated to accommodate a growth in student enrollment, project-related traffic in the vicinity of each affected campus location will be analyzed in the EIR.

b. Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project has the potential to generate additional traffic or altered traffic patterns in the vicinity of the Project Sites, which could result in a potentially significant impact on surrounding roads and highways designated by the County of Los Angeles Congestion Management Program (CMP). Therefore, the potential impacts that project traffic would have on CMP intersections and roadways will be analyzed in the EIR.

c. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that	☐	☐	☐	☒

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results in substantial safety risks?

No Impact. None of the Project Sites are located within an Airport Influence Area. Moreover, the Proposed Project would not be expected to result in a change in air traffic patterns. Thus, no impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

d. Substantially increase hazards to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project may involve circulation improvements to driveways and access roads within the SMC Main Campus, Madison Campus, the Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus and Olympic Shuttle parking lot. Any changes to access patterns that could potentially impact traffic patterns or otherwise have the potential to create traffic hazards will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. Result in inadequate emergency access? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project is not anticipated to result in any impacts related to emergency access. Nevertheless, because the Proposed Project will involve fencing off active construction areas which could affect site accessibility during an emergency, this issue will be analyzed in the EIR.

f. Result in inadequate parking capacity? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The demolition of existing structures and the construction of new buildings on the SMC Main Campus, Madison Campus, and Academy of Entertainment and Technology Campus will have the potential to affect parking demands at each location. Availability of parking at these sites and at SMC's Olympic Shuttle lot located at the northeast corner of Stewart Street and Exposition Boulevard will be analyzed in the EIR both during and after construction.

g. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project could potentially increase the number of daily visitors to the Project Sites and would increase vehicle traffic on surrounding streets. While the Proposed Project would not be expected to conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation, impacts to alternative transportation will be analyzed in the EIR.

XI. UTILITIES. Would the project:

a. Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. Wastewater generated by the Proposed Project would comply with all applicable wastewater treatment requirements of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Proposed Project would not dispose of industrial wastes into the wastewater system. No impact would occur and no further analysis is required.

b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

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Potentially Significant Impact. The City of Santa Monica Public Works Department provides sewer conveyance infrastructure and wastewater treatment services to the Project Sites. Existing infrastructure and treatment facilities adequately serve the Project Sites. However, implementation of the Proposed Project could result in an increase in on-site water consumption and wastewater generation, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Impacts related to water and wastewater treatment facilities will be analyzed in the EIR.

c. Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Runoff currently is and, under the Proposed Project, would continue to be collected on-site and directed towards existing storm drains. Currently, stormwater runoff from the Main Campus is discharged into two main storm drain lines: the Pico Boulevard drain and the Kenter Canyon Drain, which have a common outfall where Pico Boulevard meets the Santa Monica Beach. The demolition of existing structures and the construction of new structures have the potential to alter the direction, flow, velocity and quality of surface water drainage in the local area. Although the Proposed Project would not be expected to require new stormwater facilities, impacts related to stormwater facilities will be analyzed in the EIR.

d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Water is currently supplied to the SMC Main Campus by groundwater and imported water. Imported water is supplied by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). Implementation of the Proposed Project could result in an increase in on-site water demand, resulting in a potentially significant impact. Impacts related to water demand, including demands generated by new buildings and landscaped areas, will be analyzed in the EIR.

e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. Wastewater generated in the City of Santa Monica is treated at the Hyperion Treatment Plant (HTP), which treats over 350 Million Gallons per Day. The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation currently provides adequate wastewater treatment at the HTP for the City of Los Angeles and its outlying service areas including the City of Santa Monica. Implementation of the Proposed Project could result in an increase in on-site wastewater generation. As such, impacts related to wastewater conveyance and treatment will be analyzed in the EIR.

f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? ☒ ☐ ☐ ☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project would generate construction and demolition debris. Both the construction and operational waste generated by the Proposed Project would increase demands upon solid waste landfill facilities in the region. Construction and operational solid waste reduction and recycling efforts will therefore be analyzed within the scope of the EIR.

g. Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? ☐ ☐ ☐ ☒

No Impact. Disposal of solid waste generated during the Proposed Project's construction and operational phases would be subject to the requirements of applicable statutes and regulations pertaining to solid waste. No impacts

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would occur, and no further analysis is required.

XII. NEIGHBORHOOD EFFECTS.

a.	Will the proposal have considerable effects on the project neighborhood?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The SMC Main Campus is located within the Sunset Park neighborhood and adjacent to the Pico neighborhood. The Academy of Entertainment Technology Campus and Olympic Shuttle lot are located in the Pico neighborhood. The Madison Campus is located in the Mid-City area. The Proposed Project would potentially result in new construction and operational changes at all locations. As such, impacts related to neighborhood effects will be analyzed in the EIR.

XIII. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

a.	Will the Proposed Project generate substantial greenhouse gas emissions either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment, based on any applicable threshold of significance?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project has the potential to increase natural gas consumption, electricity generation, motor vehicle trips to and from SMCCD facilities, which could potentially result in an increase in State-wide greenhouse gas emissions. The potential for an increase in greenhouse gas emissions will be analyzed in the EIR.

b.	Will the proposal conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project has the potential to conflict with applicable plans, policies or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gases. An evaluation of the project's consistency with applicable plans and policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions will be provided in the EIR.

XIV. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE.

a.	Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	☐	☐	☐	☒

No Impact. The Project Sites are currently developed with and surrounded by urban and suburban uses. The Proposed Project would not reduce fish or wildlife habitat, threaten plant or animal communities, or reduce the number of endangered plant or animal species. There are no known historic or prehistoric resources on the Project Sites. No impact would occur, and no further analysis is required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
b. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable?("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects).	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. The Proposed Project's impacts to air quality, aesthetics, biological resources, cultural/historical resources, geology/soils, hazards/hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, noise, utilities, public services, transportation/circulation, global climate change, and neighborhood effects were determined to be potentially significant in Checklist Questions I, II, and VI through XII of this Initial Study Checklist. As the Proposed Project may result in a potentially significant cumulative impacts in one or more of these areas, cumulative impacts related to air quality, aesthetics, biological resources, cultural/historical resources, geology/soils, hazards/hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, noise, public utilities, public services, transportation/circulation, global climate change, and neighborhood effects will be analyzed in the EIR.

c. Does the project have environmental effects which cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	☒	☐	☐	☐

Potentially Significant Impact. This Initial Study Checklist has determined that the Proposed Project may have a potentially significant impact on air quality, aesthetics, biological resources, cultural/historical resources, geology/soils, hazards/hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, noise, public utilities, public services, transportation/circulation, global climate change, and neighborhood effects. These effects and their impacts on human beings will be analyzed in the EIR.