



**SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE
SMC 2024 MAIN CAMPUS MASTER PLAN UPDATE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**
[CEQA Guidelines Sections 15085 & 15087]
State Clearinghouse No. 2025010279
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TO: All Interested Agencies, Parties, Organizations, and Persons
FROM: Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD)
SUBJECT: Notice of Completion and Public Hearing to Certify the Final Environmental Impact Report
PROJECT: Santa Monica College 2024 Main Campus Master Plan Update

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD), as Lead Agency, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR) for the proposed Santa Monica College 2024 Main Campus Master Plan Update (Proposed Project). This notice provides the public, nearby residents and property owners, responsible agencies, and other interested parties with notice of completion and availability of the Final EIR and public hearing to consider certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Proposed Project.

Notice of Proposed Hearing: The SMCCD Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on November 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Business Building Room 117, Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 for the purpose of taking public comment prior to the certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Proposed Project. The SMCCD Board of Trustees will consider all testimony presented at the hearing, written communication received prior to or at the hearing, and the merits of the project as it relates to existing environmental and land use regulations.

Project Location, Environmental Setting, and Description: The Project Site encompasses the Santa Monica College (SMC) Main Campus located at 1900 Pico Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica, CA. The Main Campus encompasses approximately 43.98 acres and is generally bounded by Pico Boulevard to the north, 18th Court to the east, Pearl Street to the south, and 16th Street to the west, and includes adjacent properties along Pico Boulevard between 16th Street and 14th Street and along Pearl Street between 17th Street and 18th Court ("Project Site").

The Proposed Project includes the demolition of existing temporary and permanent buildings, totaling approximately 360,100 gross square feet (gsf) of building area, and the construction of new buildings consisting of 265,216 gsf of new floor area in five main new buildings ("Proposed Project"). The Proposed Project would also include approximately 207,073 gsf of building renovations to two existing buildings (the Physical and Life Science Complex and the Library and Media Center). The Proposed Project would create various new and enhanced open spaces throughout the campus, including landscaping the proposed new Student Union building, a Welcome Lawn, an outdoor amphitheater, a Science Quad, the Tri (triangular open space area), and New Quad. The Proposed Project would generally retain the current vehicular circulation and access points and existing parking supply. The Proposed Project would be constructed in three phases beginning in 2025 with final buildout anticipated to be completed by 2035.



Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects: The Final EIR analyzed the following environmental issue areas within the scope of the EIR: Air Quality, Aesthetics (Views, Light & Glare), Cultural/Historic Resources, Energy Conservation, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use and Planning, Noise, Cumulative Impacts, and Mandatory Findings of Significance and found that the Proposed Project would not result in any significant and unavoidable impacts. All potential impacts would be less than significant or mitigated to less-than-significant levels.

Availability of the EIR: The Final EIR, together with the Draft EIR and Technical Appendices will be made available to the public via the College's website at <https://admin.smc.edu/administration/planning/2024-SMC-Campus-Master-Plan.php>.

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