NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD BY LEAD AGENCY

Date: October 11, 2005
Project: Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan and Public Recreation Improvement Program
Project Location: Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) campus at 13356 Eldridge Avenue and the adjoining El Cariso Community Regional County Park, Sylmar, California
Lead Agency: Los Angeles Community College District
Comment Period: October 11, 2005 through November 28, 2005

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, as amended, this Notice of Availability is hereby sent to inform you that the Los Angeles Community College District (District) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of implementing the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan and Public Recreation Improvement Program. As the Lead Agency, the District requests your comments on the Draft EIR for their consideration.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project would expand and improve college facilities at LAMC and provide needed recreational amenities at the El Cariso Recreation Area. Specifically, the project involves the implementation of a long-range LAMC Facilities Master Plan to provide for additional educational opportunities through new and improved facilities, the provision of additional County parkland and existing parkland with state of the art recreational amenities in exchange for the expansion of the college campus onto a portion of the adjoining El Cariso Community Regional County Park property. Individual construction projects associated with implementation of the LAMC Master Plan and Public Recreation Improvement Program are proposed within Project Areas that comprise the project site (refer to graphic on following page). Primary components of the project include the following:

LAMC Campus

- Development of New Student Services Center, a Family and Consumer Studies Building, and a Media Arts Center
- Landscape Improvements/Outdoor Commons Area

LAMC Campus Expansion Parcel

- A New Parking Structure with 1,000 spaces to accommodate parking on-site
- Health, Physical Education, and Fitness Center
- New Education Buildings
El Cariso Recreation Area Improvements

- Replacement of Existing Fields with Two New Multi-purpose Fields/Park Facilities
- Improved Parking
- Improvements to Existing Baseball Field

Parkland Expansion Parcels

- Four Brand New State-of-the-Art Lighted Softball Fields near Pacoima Wash
- Two Concession/Restroom Facilities, Maintenance Building and Parking
- Improvements to Pedestrian Pathways

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the proposed project would result in significant impacts in the following issue areas:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Noise
- Performance
- Recreation
- Transportation and Circulation

With mitigation measures, some of these impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level, except in the issue areas of Aesthetics (Light), Air Quality, Noise, and Transportation and Circulation.

PUBLIC REVIEW/COMMENT PERIOD

The Draft EIR and supporting information is available for review at the locations listed below:

LAMC Library
13356 Eldridge Avenue
Sylmar, California 91342

Los Angeles Public Library
Sunland-Tujunga Branch
7771 Foothill Boulevard
Tujunga, California 91042

Los Angeles Public Library
Pacoima Branch
13605 Van Nuys Boulevard
Pacoima, California 91331
The Draft EIR is also available for review on the College website at www.lamission.edu.

We request your comments on any aspect of the Draft EIR. Please submit comments in writing by November 28, 2005 to Dr. Adriana D. Farrera at the address below.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Los Angeles Mission College will hold two public hearings to obtain your comments regarding the proposed project. The hearings will be held at the Mission College Campus Center Main, 13354 Etiwanda Avenue, Sylmar, California, on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday, November 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

Sincerely,

Adriana D. Farrera, Ph.D.
President of Los Angeles Mission College