Proposed 2009 LAMC Facilities Master Plan Project Description

The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) approved the 2007 Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (2007 Master Plan) to guide the orderly development of instructional and support facilities at Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) as enrollment is expected to increase through 2015. The 2007 Master Plan approved a total of 555,000 gross square feet (gsf) of instructional and support facilities to be located on the Main Campus and on newly acquired property, referred to as East Campus, in order for the College to serve the anticipated enrollment growth. According to the previously approved 2007 Master Plan, the student population at LAMC is projected to grow to 15,000 students by the year 2015. In 2009, there are over 9,500 students attending Mission College.

Los Angeles Mission College is proposing revisions to the 2007 Master Plan to accommodate the expansion of LAMC academic programming in keeping with the construction of new buildings and newly planned facilities. In addition to the Main Campus and the East Campus academic buildings, the proposed 2009 LAMC Facilities Master Plan (2009 Master Plan) would incorporate two new development areas:

LAMC Athletic Fields Complex – Figure A

With Los Angeles Mission College’s continuing expansion of health and fitness programs, comes an increasing need for outdoor athletic facilities and open spaces for instruction and athletic competition. It is with great Eagle Pride that LAMC can finally take the opportunity to develop athletic fields on two parcels of land, west of Pacoima Wash and north of the Harding St. intersection at Maclay St. The northern parcel, at approximately 6.4 acres, is owned by LACCD; while the southern 8.2 acre parcel is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). It is anticipated that the college will enter a long-term lease (25 years plus 25 year renewal) with the ACOE for the purposes of developing athletic fields.

To further enhance the Health, Fitness, & Athletics Complex, the proposed 2009 Master Plan includes the development of the following National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) competition athletic fields:

- Men’s Baseball Field
- Women’s Softball Field
- A Soccer Field to be shared for men and women’s soccer

These athletic fields will be conveniently located adjacent to the campus and accessed off Maclay Street. Developing these fields just north of the Health Fitness & Athletics Complex will provide safe and direct access between the Athletic Fields and the College’s educational buildings on the East Campus.

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Planned site amenities include concession stands, restrooms, press boxes, batting cages, bull pens, a walking path, and par course. The site will also have two surface parking lots with solar panel canopies, which support the College’s efforts of not only being an energy efficient campus but also an environmentally-friendly campus. One parking lot will serve the baseball field; the other will serve both the softball and soccer fields.

The initial phase of development is expected to begin in early 2010 and be completed in fall 2010.

**Nursery Property- Hubbard Street — Figure B**
The main campus of Mission College is bound by El Cariso Park to the east and south and bound by residential neighborhoods on both the north and west. The only land that may be available to expand the college would be a commercially zoned parcel adjacent to the campus currently operating as a commercial nursery. Mission College is in the process of exploring the potential acquisition of this property located along the west side of Hubbard Street between Eldridge Ave and Lexicon. As new buildings are constructed, the available open space to locate temporary facilities has diminished. The primary utilization of this nursery property would be to provide temporary bungalow space (swing space) for departments and functions that are being displaced by the build-out of the current 2007 Master Plan.

The College would acquire property currently operating as a commercial nursery. This parcel is just over an acre and would be populated with temporary facilities, parking and attractive landscaping to provide much needed swing space. Several bungalows currently situated on the Main Campus would relocate to this nursery property and limited parking would also be provided. This will allow for the construction of a new Student Services and Administration Building at the northeast corner of the intersection of Eldridge Avenue and Pasha Street and the build out of a new plant facilities building adjacent to the parking structure. In the future, the college would house programs such as Community Extension on this site.

The initial phase of development will begin soon after the college has acquired the nursery property. It is expected to take approximately six months to build out any temporary swing space that could be accommodated on this site.

**Eldridge Avenue Streetscape Improvements — Figure C**
The pedestrian pathway along the El Cariso Golf Course, spanning between the Main Campus and the newly developed East Campuses needs to be improved to create a pedestrian friendly connection for students and faculty to transition between the two locations. Aside from the cracked and raised sidewalk caused by tree uprooting, this pathway is not a safe pedestrian walkway. It is not well lit and desolate at times, causing personal safety concerns. The distance between the parking structure on the main campus and the Health, Fitness & Athletics Complex is approximately 3/10ths of a mile. There are no bike paths or intermediate rest areas between the two campus locations.
It is the intent of LAMC to revitalize this pathway with attractive and functional streetscape, making the distance not only safer for its users to travel, but also enjoyable. This will become an especially critical issue once the Health, Fitness, & Athletics Complex opens and students use this pathway to commute between the Main Campus and the East Campus. The improved streetscape will eventually run the span of Eldridge Avenue between Harding Street and Hubbard Street.

The college proposes to improve this pathway by re-paving the sidewalk, alleviating future tree uprooting problems, as well as, incorporating a sidewalk bike lane, providing resting areas with seating and designated crosswalks. Traffic speeds along Eldridge Ave. would also be slowed by new landscaped street medians and narrowed driving lanes.

**Proposed 2009 LAMC Facilities Master Plan – Figure D**

Mission College proposes the 2009 Master Plan to continue to develop the college as a pre-eminent community college and community cultural center in the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

**Future Developments**

LAMC may have needs in the future that are not determined at this time and are not covered under the 2009 Master Plan. For example, LAMC may have needs for offsite college facilities for activities such as neighborhood classrooms, training sessions, and vocational centers, and LAMC may need to acquire properties not addressed in the 2009 Master Plan for these purposes. Such future projects would be subject to separate CEQA review.