December 5, 2006

Mr. Nick Quintanilla
c/o Michael Walters
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Dear Mr. Quintanilla:

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) has reviewed the Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for the above referenced project relative to impacts to biological resources. The project is a phased development program that would improve and expand the College on the existing main campus site and on a new site located 1/3 mile to the east at the corner of Eldridge Avenue and Harding Street in Sylmar. As stated in the DPEIR, the current project study area consists of the Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) campus and two adjacent parcels along Harding Street, which are proposed as additions to the campus footprint. Much of the existing 22.5-acre project site has been disturbed from its natural setting by urban developments, landscaping, and other anthropogenic disturbances. The LAMC campus is primarily developed with college-associated buildings, structures, paved areas, and ornamental plantings of turf grass and trees. Open areas of the campus are park-like in character. The two parcels on Harding Street include a northern parcel (PA N), approximately three acres in extent, and a southern parcel (PA S), approximately seven acres in extent. Both of these parcels are relatively flat, located on a mesa overlooking the Pacoima Wash to the east, and contain an approximately 20-30 foot slope that descends from the eastern parcel boundaries, down toward Mclay Street and the Pacoima Wash. The mesa containing the two sites is a flood plain from the Pacoima Wash. Both parcels generally contain loose, sandy soils with little gravel or rock cover; however, gravel and cobble occur along the Harding Street road cut. The southern parcel is characterized by recent grading disturbance, sparse native vegetation, and infrequent native shrubs. The northern Harding Street parcel is occupied by disturbed non-native Grassland and Coastal Sage Scrub. The project will result in the loss of 1.8 acres of disturbed California sage scrub and 2.4 acres of non-native grassland.

The following statements and comments have been prepared pursuant to the Department's authority as Trustee Agency with jurisdiction over natural resources affected by the project (California Environmental Quality Guidelines (CEQA), Section 15368) and pursuant to our authority as a Responsible Agency under CEQA, Section 15381 over those aspects of the proposed project that come under the purview of Fish and Game Code Section 1930 et seq.
IMACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

1. California Sage Scrub – The project will result in the loss of 1.8 acres of California coastal sage scrub. The DPEIR states that the Harding Street project site supports 1.8 acres of California Sagebrush-California Buckwheat Scrub, which is considered sensitive by the CNDDB. In Southern California, it is the potential habitat for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher.

The DPEIR does not discuss any mitigation measures for the loss of 1.8 acres of sage scrub habitat as the result of the project build out. The San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita area have experienced a substantial decline in the extent of this habitat due to considerable development without mitigating for its loss. Coastal sage scrub-types in the vicinity of the project site within unprotected private lands are rapidly declining and disappearing and should be considered locally significant. The Department recommends a minimum of 1:1 replacement ratio for the unavoidable loss of this sensitive vegetative community. Mitigation should be in the form of on site preservation or off site acquisition and protection in perpetuity of habitat of equal or superior quality.

2. Impacts to Non Native grassland habitat – The project will result in the loss of 2.4 acres of non native grassland.

Native and annual grassland habitat is a dwindling resource within areas of increasing urbanization and provides important foraging habitat for raptor and passerine bird species. The Department recommends a mitigation ratio of 9:1 for the unavoidable loss to non native grassland. Mitigation should be in the form of on site preservation or off site acquisition and protection in perpetuity.

3. Impacts to Riparian Resources – The DPEIR states “One non-jurisdictional, concrete lined drainage feature is located along the northeast boundary of the LAMC campus. This feature was determined to be non-jurisdictional because it constitutes an excavation in uplands, lacks unique biological value or riparian habitat, and is not hydrologically connected to a "navigable" waterway. This feature drains surface water runoff from the campus and the adjacent ball fields to an adjacent golf course pond.”

The DPEIR further states “The two parcels on Harding Street include a northern parcel (PA N), approximately three acres in extent, and a southern parcel (PA S), approximately seven acres in extent. Both of these parcels are relatively flat, located on a mesa overlooking the Pacoima Wash to the east, and contain an approximately 20-30 foot slope that descends from the eastern parcel boundaries, down toward Maclay Street and the Pacoima Wash. The mesa containing the two sites is a flood plain from the Pacoima Wash.”

The Department’s jurisdiction is quite broad over various types of drainage features including non natural constructed channels and alluvial benches/mesas subject to hydrologic dynamics. The Department may require a Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA), pursuant to Section 1600 et seq. of the Fish and Game Code, with the applicant prior to any direct or indirect impact to Department jurisdictional waters. The Department’s issuance of a SAA may be a project that is subject to CEQA. To facilitate our issuance of the Agreement when CEQA applies, the Department as a responsible
agency under CEQA may consider the local jurisdiction's (lead agency) document for the project. To minimize additional requirements by the Department under CEQA the document should fully identify the potential impacts to the lake, stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring and reporting commitments for issuance of the Agreement. Early consultation is recommended, since modification of the proposed project may be required to avoid or reduce impacts to fish and wildlife resources.

The Department recommends that the above concerns be addressed prior to lead agency approval of the proposed project.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment. Questions regarding this letter and further coordination on these issues should be directed to Mr. Scott Harris, Associate Wildlife Biologist, at (520) 797 3170.

Sincerely,

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California Department of Fish & Game
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Letter Dated: 12/05/06

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following responses.

Responses to Comments

Response to Comment 1:

The Draft EIR (page 3.3-6) includes as mitigation “On-site habitat enhancement and restoration.” This mitigation is clarified in the Final EIR by adding the following text to the second bullet of Section 3.3.4

Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) shall develop and implement a “Native Vegetation Restoration and Monitoring Plan” that shall provide for 1:1 on-site replacement of sage scrub habitat and 1:1/2 on-site replacement of non-native grassland affected by the project. The Plan will also provide for replacement of other identified locally significant species at the same or greater replacement ratio. The restoration and monitoring plan will become part of LAMC’s post-construction general operations and maintenance program. The final plan will be prepared and submitted for CDFG for review and approval prior to construction on the Harding Street site.

Response to Comment 2:

See response to Comment 1.

Response to Comment 3:

No jurisdictional drainage features will be affected by the project. There and no such drainages on the Main Campus site and all Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et seq. jurisdictional features will be completely avoided when construction occurs on the Harding Street site.

Response to Comment 4:

The LACCD trusts that these responses fully address your comments. URS, our environmental consultant, has already contacted your agency to discuss potential mitigation of sensitive habitat and the LACCD intends to adopt the requested mitigation during certification of the Final EIR and approval of the Master Plan.
November 14, 2006

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RE: SCAG Clearinghouse No. 1 20060723 Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan

Dear Mr. Quintania:

Thank you for submitting the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan for review and comment. As areawide clearinghouse for regionally significant projects, SCAG reviews the consistency of local plans, projects and programs with regional plans. This activity is based on SCAG’s responsibilities as a regional planning organization pursuant to state and federal laws and regulations. Guidance provided by these reviews is intended to assist local agencies and project sponsors to take actions that contribute to the attainment of regional goals and policies.

We have reviewed the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan, and have determined that the proposed Project is not regionally significant per SCAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Criteria and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (Section 15205). Therefore, the proposed Project does not warrant comments at this time. Should there be a change in the scope of the proposed Project, we would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment at that time.

A description of the proposed Project will be published in SCAG’s October 13-31, 2006 Intergovernmental Review Clearinghouse Report for public review and comment.

The project title and SCAG Clearinghouse number should be used in all correspondence with SCAG concerning this Project. Correspondence should be sent to the attention of the Clearinghouse Coordinator. If you have any questions, please contact Lavern Jones at (213) 236-1857. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sylvia Patoumis
Manager, Environmental Division

Doc #128638
Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following responses.

**Responses to Comment**

Response to Comment 1:

Your comment letter indicates that SCAG is not providing comments on the Program EIR because the Los Angeles College Facilities Master Plan is not considered to be regionally significant per SCAG Intergovernmental Review (IGR) criteria and the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15206).

Per your request the Los Angeles Community College District will inform you of any substantial change in the scope of the proposed project so that you would have an opportunity to review and comment at that time.
December 5, 2006

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Dear Mr. Quintanilla:

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
Los Angeles Mission College

The Department has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) with respect to potential impacts to the El Cariso Regional County Park and the El Cariso County Golf Course. The comments are as follows.

2.1 Project Location

Although the Harding Street Site is bounded by Harding Street to the north, it should be noted that El Cariso County Golf Course is directly north of Harding Street and as such, there should be an analysis of potential impacts to the golf course.

2.2 Existing Conditions

While the project description of the 1983 Mission College Final EIR included the construction of a Child Development Center (CDC) in the northeast corner of the existing LAMC campus, the square footage of the building was listed as 2,700 square feet. However, Table 2.2-1 of this DEIR lists the square footage as 26,000 square feet. To that end, the following comments will speak to potential impacts related to the construction of the CDC at 26,000 square feet.

2.4 Project Description

The comments contained herein, also apply to any construction occurring along the park and golf course boundary.
3.1 Aesthetics

**LAMC Campus** - On the LAMC campus, two-story structures adjacent to the four softball fields and nearby the recreation center would have a visual impact on park patrons. There would also be a visual impact to other park patrons using the tennis courts, playgrounds and turf picnic areas as they look westward from the park. Figure 3.1-7, View #6, shows the view across a portion of the ball fields where a bank of existing trees has been replaced by the proposed buildings. To mitigate for the visual impact of the new structures, all buildings located near the park boundary should have a vegetative screen including, but not limited to, trees that will reach a design height of approximately 30 feet.

**Harding Street Site** - At the Harding Street Site, there will be a visual impact to golf course patrons who will lose the unencumbered view of the mountains due to the construction of the Health, P.E. and Fitness Building. This visual impact should also be mitigated with a vegetative screen including, but not limited to, trees that will reach a design height of approximately 30 feet.

The mitigation measures for aesthetics should be implemented along the College’s eastern property line which is adjacent to the park and the College’s projects at the Harding Street Site which are located across from the golf course. Also, wherever the mitigation measures are to be applied with respect to the proximity of a public street, public view, public walkway or public rights-of-ways, the phrase “...or the County park or golf course” should be inserted.

Additionally, a mitigation measure should be added regarding the need to provide vegetative screening to include, but not limited to, trees that will reach a design height of approximately 30 feet.

3.2 Air Quality

**LAMC Campus** - There will be construction related air quality impacts to park patrons as a result of grading and the use of construction vehicles, machinery, and equipment on the project site. The adjacent softball fields, recreation center and nearby tennis courts would have the closest park patrons susceptible to the project’s dust migration and construction emissions. Please note at the softball fields are sometimes rented to private schools with play beginning at 3:00 or 4:00 PM when construction may still be occurring. The recreation center holds programs for youth and senior citizens while the nearby tennis courts are frequently used by seniors. Please consider these sensitive receptor groups in the analysis.

**Harding Street Site** - See comments above on the LAMC Campus. Also note that the majority of golfers at the golf course are senior citizens and thereby sensitive receptors.
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Staff at the golf course has noted that during winter months, the golf course experiences very high winds such that some sand traps lose a majority of their sand.

All of the mitigation measures for Air Quality should be implemented along the College's eastern property line which is adjacent to the park and the College’s projects at the Harding Street Site which are located across from the golf course.

3.3 Biological Resources

LAMC Campus and Harding Street Site – Being located within the Pacific Flyway, the mature tree inventory on the park and golf course most likely supports raptors and migratory birds which are subject to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Although these trees are technically outside of the project area, nesting birds could be adversely impacted by the extent and duration of construction noise emanating from the project sites. The trees along the College’s eastern property line which is adjacent to the park especially need to be surveyed. The implementation of mitigation measure BIO-2 should be applied to a “nesting buffer area” as it relates to habitat on park and golf course property to address this issue.

3.10 Noise

LAMC Campus and Harding Street Site – As with the comments on Air Quality, there will be construction related noise impacts to park and golf course patrons as a result of the project. Of particular concern are potential noise impacts to the needed concentration of golfers at the tee box of hole #4 and the putting greens of holes #3 and #15. These three holes are just north of the Health, P.E., Fitness Center and northeast of the Temporary Parking lot, the subsequent Education Building #5, the Underground Parking Structure “B1” and the construction of Eldridge through to Maclay.

The seventeen Project Features for noise control listed on pages 3.10-10 through 3.10-12 which are slated to be included in construction plans and specifications provide a good “look ahead” on noise management for the project. All of these noise control features should be implemented along the College’s eastern property line which is adjacent to the park and the College’s projects at the Harding Street Site.

While the Department supports implementation of all seventeen measures for control of project related noise on park and golf course facilities, the following comments are submitted on the Project Features.

Item #2 – Noise Control Plan – We request review of this Plan to ensure that noise control measures have been incorporated for the protection of park and golf course patrons.
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Item #3 - Who will monitor for compliance with the Noise Control Plan and how frequently will this be done?

Item #9 – Temporary Sound walls – Implementation of this control measure is necessary to the uninterrupted quality recreation experience of the park and golf course patrons.

Item #16 – Construction Hours and Hauling Activities – The peak play time at the golf course is from 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM seven days a week with Saturday and Sunday being the peak days of the week. With construction hours of 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM on Saturdays, there could be a noise impact to golf patrons.

3.12 Recreation

Although there is not a specific question addressing this issue in the suggested CEQA Guidelines Initial Study questions, the following comment is warranted in the Recreation section.

As noted in the other comments in this letter, there are potential construction impacts to park and golf course patrons related to Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Noise and Transportation/Traffic. Please consider these potential impacts as a cumulative impact to the park, park patrons, the recreational programs, and the golf course.

3.13 Transportation/Traffic

Parking - As stated in the DEIR, the project would generate increased demand for parking and both on-campus and off-campus parking impacts are expected. As acknowledged in the DEIR, it has been and is a consistent practice for the College’s students to use the park and golf course parking lots rather than the College’s parking lots. This results in an impact to park patrons since they must park on the streets or far away from the location of their recreation program. It impacts the golf course patrons since they are displaced from parking in the golf course lot. This situation was also documented in the October 2005 DEIR by a site specific survey of “Off-Campus Parking Demand”, Area 5 (Golf Course Parking Lot) Table IV-46, and page IV-315 (See attachment). An allotment of 100 spaces for golf course patrons in the parking structure currently being constructed adjacent to the golf course parking lot would serve as mitigation for student use of the golf course parking lot. This mitigation was also established in the October 2005 DEIR, “Project Impact On Parking”, footnote 139, page IV-341 (See attachment). Even with the proposed addition of angled parking on the east side of Eldridge Street as a free parking alternative for students, the proximity of the golf course parking lots still remains and it is reasonable to assume that student use of the golf course parking lot will continue.
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Please show the methodology for determining parking needs for the maximum number of students and staff at one time and how the phased construction of parking facilities meets that demand.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the DEIR. If you have any questions, please contact me at 213-351-5126 or rupert@lacountyparks.org.

Sincerely,

Joan A. Rupert  
Section Head, Environmental

Attachment: DEIR October 2005 Excerpts

Cc: Maria Chong-Castillo, Deputy, Third Supervisorial District  
Russ Guiney, Director, Parks and Recreation

Comments on DEIR.doc
Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following responses.

Responses to Comments

Response to Comment 1:

Your comment notes that the El Cariso Golf Course is located just across Harding Street from the Harding Street site. The environmental analysis in the Draft Program EIR does consider potential impacts on both the golf course and the El Cariso County Regional Park as part of the analysis of impacts on the immediately adjacent Sylmar community. The Mitigation Monitoring Program specifies that the LAMC will coordinate with the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation regarding mitigation measures in the EIR applicable to air quality, noise, and aesthetic impacts to the park and golf course.

Response to Comment 2:

Table 2.2-1 on page 2-8 correctly lists the square footage of the Child Development Center (CDC) as 26,000 square feet. The environmental effects of the change in square footage from the 2700 square foot CDC described in the 1983 Mission College Final EIR was previously analyzed in the Addendum to the Mission College Final EIR for the 1983 Master Plan (PCR February 2005).

Response to Comment 3:

Please see Response to Comment 1.

Response to Comment 4:

The LACCD would like to clarify that the existing bank of trees is located on County park property, and will not be removed and replaced by the proposed LAMC structures. Figure 3.1-7 has been corrected in Section 9.0, Clarifications and Revisions, in Section 3.1, Aesthetics. In addition, the MMP specifies that LAMC will coordinate with the
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County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation concerning the landscaping between LAMC sites and LACDPR property.

Response to Comment 5:

The LACCD agrees that the significant visual impact identified in the Draft EIR to public views from Harding Street looking toward the San Gabriel Mountains also applies to the public views from the El Cariso Golf Course. (Draft EIR, at p. 3.1-15; see also Figure 3.1-5.) The LAMC will coordinate with LACDPR in a review of the landscaping plan for the Health and PE Fitness Center. To improve the effectiveness of mitigation measure AES-1, the following text has been added:

AES-1: Design buildings and provide landscape screening to preserve and maintain hillside views to the greatest extent feasible.

While inclusion of landscape screening will address the aesthetic impact to views of the San Gabriel Mountains to the extent feasible, the significant impact on those views will nevertheless remain.

Response to Comment 6:

All aesthetics mitigation measures will be implemented throughout the College development sites, including the eastern property line of the LAMC campus and all the projects at the Harding Street site. Per your request, the following aesthetic mitigation measures from the Draft Program EIR have been altered in response to your comment:

AES-2 Screen trash storage areas from the view of public streets or the County park or golf course by solid walls or fences, not less than 6 feet high.

AES-3 Screen all heating, ventilation, air conditioning equipment and ducts and any other equipment or appurtenances located on roofs from the view of any adjoining public street or the County park or golf course, unless such appurtenances are used as integral elements of the project’s design.

AES-4 Locate and/or screen all loading areas from view of any adjoining public streets, walkways or the County park or golf course.

AES-5 Provide full architectural treatment, similar in architectural style, materials and details with the main building façade, on all sides of buildings which are visible from adjacent lots or streets or the County park or golf course.

AES-6 Minimize places for graffiti by planting shrubs or surface clinging vines in front of solid fences and walls (excluding building walls) facing public rights-of-way or the County park or golf course.
AES-8 Screen vehicles in parking structures from public view from a public street, or the County park or golf course, through the use of planters and berms.

Response to Comment 7:
Please see response to Comment 5.

Response to Comment 8:
The LAMC acknowledges the concerns of the Department of Park and Recreation regarding construction emissions and their effect on sensitive receptors in these park facilities. The SCAQMD has specific rules and regulations (i.e., Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust) that prohibit fugitive emissions (i.e., dust) to migrate from the property line. As a result, the construction contractor will be required to ensure that site specific activities are controlled and monitored to prevent dust plumes during construction at all LAMC project locations. In addition, mitigation measures will be implemented for the proposed project to reduce PM10 (dust) and other criteria pollutants during construction activities. The Mitigation Monitoring Plan will ensure that the mitigation is implemented and enforced. Construction will be required to cease during high wind conditions and any stockpiled materials will be covered to ensure that no substantial dust leaves the property line. In addition, watering to reduce particulate emissions will be used on a daily basis to control dust during grading activities. (Mitigation Measure AQ-CMM-10.) The mitigation measures identified to reduce environmental impacts associated with the proposed project will be implemented throughout the project at all locations. As a result, they will be implemented along the LAMC and County of Los Angeles property lines. These mitigation measures are designed to reduce environmental impacts on adjacent properties and sensitive receptors.

Response to Comment 9:
Please see Response to Comment 8.

Response to Comment 10:
Please see Response to Comment 8.

Response to Comment 11:
Please see Response to Comment 8.
Response to Comment 12:

The Draft EIR Section 3.3.3.7 – Nesting Birds states that “vegetation clearing activities have the potential to result in direct take of species protected under Section 10 of the Migratory Bird Act and CDFG Code 3500 (et seq.); which includes raptors and the majority of known passerines. Since these species may occur at the project site, impacts could be significant.” Mitigation measure BIO-2 in the Draft EIR identifies how the LAMC intends to make efforts to schedule any vegetation removal activities (i.e., grading) outside the nesting season (the nesting season is February 15 to August 15) to avoid potential impacts on nesting birds (e.g., species identified within Section 10 of the Migratory Bird Act); including the establishment of a 100 foot buffer around active nests. The 100 foot buffer by definition will extend past the actual project limits to prevent indirect effects to raptors and the majority of known passerines which could be in vegetation adjacent to Master Plan project activities.

Response to Comment 13:

The Draft EIR acknowledges that there will be residual significant noise impacts after all reasonable, feasible, and practicable project noise control features will be implemented along the El Cariso Park and El Cariso Golf Course boundaries. (Draft EIR, at p. 3.10-15.)

Response to Comment 14:

The project construction noise control features are planned to be implemented for all project-related construction activities including along the College’s eastern property line and all projects on the Harding Street Site.

Response to Comment 15:

LAMC will coordinate with the Department of Parks and Recreation during the preparation of the Noise Control Plan (NCP).

Response to Comment 16:

The LAMCC construction management team will monitor compliance with the Noise Control Plan (NCP). This would be done as needed until all project construction has been completed.

Response to Comment 17:

As noted in Section 3.10.3.1 of the Draft EIR (item 9), temporary noise barriers will be considered when necessary when project construction takes place adjacent to sensitive receptors, which include the El Cariso park and golf course.

Response to Comment 18:
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The District agrees. The DEIR concluded that there will be residual significant noise impacts after all reasonable, feasible, and practicable project noise control features are implemented. (Draft EIR, at p. 3.10-15.)

Response to Comment 19:

Please see response to Comment 20 below.

Response to Comment 20:

Mitigation measures to reduce Air Quality related impacts resulting from construction related activities within the proposed project area, would also minimize impacts to the surrounding community, including El Cariso County Park and El Cariso Golf Course. These mitigation measures are located on page 3.2-16 of the Draft EIR.

Mitigation measures to reduce Noise related impacts resulting from construction related activities within the proposed project area, would also minimize impacts to the surrounding community, which includes El Cariso County Park and El Cariso Golf Course. These mitigation measures are located on page 3.10-15 of the DEIR.

Mitigation measures to reduce Aesthetics related impacts resulting from construction and operation related activities within the proposed project area, would also minimize impacts to the surrounding community, which includes El Cariso County Park and El Cariso Golf Course, which coincides with the Sylmar Community Plan. These mitigation measures are located on page 3.1-24 of the DEIR.

Mitigation measures to reduce Traffic related impacts resulting from construction and operation related activities within the proposed project area, would also minimize impacts to the surrounding community, which includes El Cariso County Park and El Cariso Golf Course. Traffic improvements will be undertaken to benefit traffic flow to and from the College as well as within the community adjacent, which includes patrons of El Cariso County Parka and El Cariso Golf Course. These mitigation measures are located on page 3.13-53 of the DEIR.

In addition, to the aforementioned mitigation measures, under Traffic mitigation measure 14, (T-14), the District shall mitigate construction traffic and construction related impacts on local roadways, parks and golf course, schools, bus routes, and pedestrian facilities.

The Draft EIR considered these direct impacts on the surrounding community, including the El Cariso County Park and El Cariso Golf Course. Cumulative impacts of the Project plus other projects in the area were also considered pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15130.

Response to Comment 21:
The phased project parking demand and supply is presented on page 3.13-51 of the Draft EIR, paragraphs two and three. Specifically, the Draft EIR demonstrates that existing parking will nearly double upon completion of the parking structure that is under construction. Further, parking supply, in parking structures, surface lots and on-street parking will be far greater than projected demand. The Master Plan does not anticipate reserving parking structure spaces for golf course patrons.

Response to Comment 22:

Please see the Draft EIR page 3.13-51, paragraphs two and three for the discussion of parking demand and supply. Parking demand was estimated based on similar community college demand at Rio Hondo College.
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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
INTER-CORRESPONDENCE

Los Angeles Mission College
SFV 2006-285

Date: December 4, 2006

To: Nick Quintanilla, Construction Manager
    Gateway Science & Engineering
    Los Angeles Mission College

From: Sergio D. Valdez, Transportation Engineer
      Department of Transportation
      City of Los Angeles

Subject: LADOT COMMENTS ON DRAFT EIR REPORT – TRAFFIC IMPACT
        ANALYSIS REVIEW OF MISSION COLLEGE MASTER PLAN EIR

The Los Angeles Department of Transportation (DOT) has reviewed the Draft Report for Traffic
Impact Analysis for the Mission College Master Plan EIR. This traffic assessment is based on the
traffic study prepared by URS dated October 11, 2006. DOT has the following comments on the
traffic study:

1. In order to use ATSAC/ATCS as mitigation measures at seven of the impacted intersections
   Mission College must pay their fair share contribution into the Foothill ATSAC/ATCS
   system before the system is completed. The current fair share contribution per intersection
   for the Foothill System is $146,000 per intersection. This fair share amount is periodically
   reviewed and Mission College should check with DOT at the time payment is to be sent to
   the latest amount. The fair contribution amount is per intersection, and this amount
   cannot be further pro-rated to individual project impacts.

2. The fair share table shown on 8-8 does not apply to traffic mitigation measures within the
   City of Los Angeles. Mission College is responsible for the full funding of each mitigation
   measure.

3. Before the mitigation measures involving restriping, described in the study are implemented
   or “B” permit plans are submitted, Mission College or its representative must submit
   Geometric Stripping plans of the proposed mitigation measures for the three intersection to the
   Department of Transportation. If these mitigation measures are not found to be feasible
   Mission College shall propose and the DOT shall approve alternate mitigation plans.

4. The Traffic Signal installations at Eldridge Avenue and Maclay Avenue, Maclay Avenue and
   Fenton Avenue, Maclay Avenue and Gladstone Avenue will be subject to being found
   warranted by DOT. In the event that the traffic signals are not found to be warranted Mission
   College shall propose, subject to DOT approval, alternate mitigation measures for these
   intersections.
5. The proposed on-street angled parking on Eldridge Avenue shall be subject to DOT approval.

6. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan shall be developed with consultation from DOT and the implementation of the plan shall be subject to DOT approval of the plan. This plan shall also be finalized according to DOT Neighborhood Traffic Management Guidelines.

7. The final driveway, parking and access plan for Mission College must be submitted for approval to DOT prior to construction.

If you have any questions you may contact me at (818) 374-4699.

C: Council District 7
   Mike Walters, Bureau of Engineering
   Bill Shao, East Valley District DOT
   Dan Scott, Department of City Planning
Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following responses.

Responses to Comments

Response to Comment 1:

LACCD understands that the contribution to ATSAC/ATCS as a mitigation measure is per intersection and cannot be pro-rated to individual project impacts.

Response to Comment 2:

LACCD understands that it will be responsible for funding each traffic mitigation measure.

Response to Comment 3:

LACCD understands that mitigation measures will be reviewed and approved on an individual basis based on geometric striping plans. As with other responsible agencies, LADOT can rely on the information in the EIR in granting any necessary approvals. As explained in responses to comments submitted by Alyshire and Wynder, LACCD has determined that all proposed mitigation is feasible.

Response to Comment 4:

LACCD understands that traffic signal installation mitigation measures are subject to being found warranted by LADOT.

Response to Comment 5:

LACCD understands that angled parking on Eldridge Avenue is subject to LADOT approval.

Response to Comment 6:

LACCD understands that the Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan is subject to LADOT approval.
Response to Comment 7:

LACCD understands that final driveway, parking, and access plans for the Master Plan require LADOT approval prior to construction.
November 30, 2006

Map No. 222-162

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Dear Mr. Quintanilla:

Subject: Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan
Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

We were recently made aware that the above-referenced Draft Environmental Impact Report calls for an unimproved parcel located south of Harding Street and west of Eldridge Avenue to be developed with an education building and an underground parking structure. For your information, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) owns, operates, and maintains an existing 24-inch riveted steel water line in a 10-foot wide easement within the subject parcel. This water line was installed in 1917 to supply potable water from the Madera Reservoir to the surrounding area. Thus, we consider this line to be critical to the operation of the Water Distribution System northeast and east of the City of San Fernando. Due to its age and location, it may be necessary to relocate this water line at a significant cost to allow construction of the proposed structures.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (213) 367-1235.

Sincerely,

Lulu Nuno
Engineer of East Valley District
Water Distribution Engineering

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Letter Dated: 11/30/06

Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following response.

**Responses to Comments**

Response to Comment 1:

The LACCD is aware of the 24-inch steel water line located within a ten (10) foot wide easement within the Harding Street property. In order to proceed with the proposed project, the LACCD intends to relocate approximately 1200 feet of water line as well as replace any segments that require replacement with new steel pipe. The LACCD will coordinate with the LADWP in the design of the project to meet LADWP design specifications and to replace and relocate the line to the satisfaction of the LADWP.
December 4, 2006

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SUBJECT: Draft Environmental Impact Report
Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan
State Clearinghouse No. 2002091071

Thank you for giving the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) the opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan. The project site consists of the existing Los Angeles Mission College (LAMC) Campus located at 133356 Eldridge Avenue, and two vacant parcels located at the southeast corner of Eldridge Avenue and Harding Street, located about 2,000 feet southeast of the main campus.

The Master Plan is a development program designed to expand and improve college facilities at LAMC. The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD) and LAMC have prepared the LAMC Master Plan (Master Plan) to guide the orderly development of instructional and support facilities to accommodate increased enrollment through 2015. LAMC enrollment is projected to grow from the current estimated 7,500 students to and estimated 15,000 students by the year 2015 (a 200% increase). The existing 22.5-acre campus provides approximately 260,000 gross square feet (gsf) of instructional and support facilities housed within permanent buildings, temporary structures, and leased facilities (with approximately 200,000 gsf of this building area provided in permanent structures on the LAMC Campus). Approximately 350,000 additional gsf will be necessary for the College to serve the anticipated enrollment growth, for a total of 550,000 gsf.

Based on the extent/location of the proposed development, it is our opinion that significant environmental impacts on the surrounding community (traffic, noise, air, pollution, etc.) will occur. Hubbard Street Elementary School is located about 700 feet southwest of the main campus project and Harding Street Elementary School is about 800 feet southwest of the off...
Nick Quintanilla

December 4, 2006

...since significant impacts to LAUSD schools are anticipated, mitigation measures designed to help reduce or eliminate such impacts are included with this response.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you need additional information, please call me at (213) 241-3199.

Glenn Striegler - PG
Environmental Assessment Coordinator

Attachments

c: Julie Korenstein
   James Morris
   Suellen Helm Torres
   Susana Rubinstein
   Carlos Torres
Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT RESPONSES

Approval of the proposed Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan located at the Los Angeles Mission College at 13356 Eldridge Avenue in Sylmar, California warrants the following mitigation measures to address environmental impacts related to school traffic, pedestrian routes, and transportation safety issues at Hubbard Street Elementary School and Harding Street Elementary School.

- LAUSD Transportation Branch at (323) 342-1400 must be contacted regarding the potential impact upon existing school bus routes.
  - School buses must have unrestricted access to schools.
  - During the construction phase, truck traffic and construction vehicles may not cause traffic delays for our transported students.
  - During and after construction, changed traffic patterns, lane adjustments, traffic light patterns, and altered bus stops should not affect school buses' on-time performance and passenger safety.
  - Because of provisions in the California Vehicle Code, other trucks and construction vehicles that encounter school buses, using red-flashing-light or stop indicators will have to stop.
  - The Project Manager or designee will have to notify the LAUSD Transportation Branch of the expected start and ending dates for various portions of the project that may affect traffic within nearby school areas.

- Contractors must maintain safe and convenient pedestrian routes to all nearby schools, including but not limited to Hubbard and Harding Street elementary schools. The District will provide School Pedestrian Route Maps upon your request.

- Contractors must maintain ongoing communication with LAUSD school administrators, providing sufficient notice to forewarn children and parents when existing pedestrian and vehicle routes to school may be impacted.

- The EIR must evaluate the effect that the project will have during and after project construction on the immediate project area, including Hubbard Street and Fenton Avenue in the vicinity of Hubbard Street Elementary School and Harding Street Elementary School. The EIR needs to present mitigation measures where the EIR identified significant impact to school access and traffic safety at affected schools.

- Installation and maintenance of appropriate traffic controls (signs, signals, speed bumps, etc.) to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety.

- Haul routes will not pass by or through school when students arrive at school, leave school, or are outside during recess or any other outside school-related activities.

- Haul trucks should be kept clean from excess soil and debris and kept covered to minimize fugitive dust emission.

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* No staging or parking of construction-related vehicles, including worker-transport vehicles, will occur on or adjacent to a school property.

* Funding for crossing guards (at contractor's expense) is required when safety of children may be compromised by construction-related activities at impacted school crossings.

* Barriers and/or fencing must be installed to secure construction equipment and to minimize trespassing, vandalism, short-cut attractions, and attractive nuisances.

* Contractor's are required to provide security patrols (at their expense) to minimize trespassing, vandalism, and short-cut attractions.

* Traffic impacts associated with operation of the proposed project.
  
  o The traffic study identifies a significant impact along the Fenton Avenue roadway segment between Harding and MacLay Streets, where Harding Street Elementary School is situated. It would be reasonable to assume that impacts at this roadway segment are related to students using the MacLay Street on/off-ramp. It is our understanding that students and staff of the Los Angeles Mission College often use the MacLay Street on/off-ramp to get to and from the college and may pass by Harding Street Elementary School.

  * Please address and mitigate ALL vehicular and pedestrian safety impacts related to the cut-through traffic at this area.

  * Please provide a complete traffic impact analysis for the MacLay Street on/off ramp and provide feasible mitigation to address impacts related to utilizing this interchange.

  o Please complete the necessary studies to identify the alternative routes and traffic calming devices prior to release of the FEIR for the 10-day agency review. LAUSD needs to ensure that proper mitigation is provided near our schools to address cut-through traffic and to minimize potential vehicular and pedestrian conflicts at Harding Street Elementary School. Likewise, please identify and implement traffic calming measures in the near vicinity of Hubbard Street Elementary School.

  o Please ensure that no cut-through traffic occurs on streets where designated student loading areas are assigned at Hubbard and Harding Street elementary schools.

* The EIR should evaluate the effect that the project will have on air emissions and noise during and after project construction at Hubbard Street Elementary School and Harding Street Elementary School. The EIR should discuss mitigation measures where the EIR identified significant air emission and noise impact. The EIR has already identified a significant impact from NOx and PM10 during construction. The EIR should address the potential PM10 and NOx impact to nearby schools and discuss mitigation measures if there are significant impacts to these schools.
Thank you for your letter commenting on the Draft Program EIR (Draft EIR) for the Los Angeles Mission College Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan). The Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, provides the following responses.

Responses to Comments

Response to Comment 1:
The LACCD acknowledges your introductory comment demonstrating your understanding of the project and providing the basis for your subsequent comments.

Response to Comment 2:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 3:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 4:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 5:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 6:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 7:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 8:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.
Response to Comment 9:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 10:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 11:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 12:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 13:
Please see Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions, Traffic.

Response to Comment 14:
The LACCD will ensure that no staging or parking of construction-related vehicles, including worker-transport vehicles, will occur on or adjacent to a LAUSD school property.

Response to Comment 15:
The LACCD will ensure that funding for crossing guards is provided when safety of children may be compromised by construction-related activities at impacted LAUSD school crossings. However, it is not foreseen that LAUSD crossings will be impacted by construction activities related to the proposed plan.

Response to Comment 16:
The LACCD will ensure that barriers and fencing will be installed to secure construction equipment during activities related to the proposed project in order to minimize trespassing, vandalism, short-cut attractions and attractive nuisances.

Response to Comment 17:
The LACCD will ensure that construction contractors provide security patrols to minimize trespassing, vandalism, and short-cut attractions. In addition, the LAMC maintains security personnel and is patrolled by the Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department who will assist in ensuring the area is secure to minimize trespassing, vandalism, and short-cut attractions.
Response to Comment 18:
Introductory comment noted.

Response to Comment 19:
It is correct that some existing College traffic does cut-through the neighborhood and does drive past the existing school. This is acknowledged in the Draft Program EIR.

Response to Comment 20:
Please see page revised mitigation measure T-13, Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions.

Response to Comment 21:
Please see 3.13-54, mitigation measures T-8 and T-9 of the DEIR.

T-8 Maclay Avenue / I-210 EB Ramps: The District shall fund the purchase and installation of provide fair share contributions for restriping to add a northbound through-right and a southbound left at the completion of Project Construction.

T-9 Maclay Avenue / I-210 WB Ramps: The District shall fund the purchase and installation of ATSAC control at this location and for inclusion of the intersection in the ATCS network at the completion of Project Construction.

Response to Comment 22:
Please see revised mitigation measure T-13, Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions.

T-13 The District shall develop a Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) Plan for the neighborhood generally bounded by Eldridge Avenue on the north, Hubbard Street on the west, Maclay Street on the east, and Fenton Avenue on the south. The NTM shall be developed in consultation with LADOT and LAUSD. The NTM shall include a construction traffic management plan which shall be finalized prior to construction and an operations traffic management which shall be finalized prior to occupation of new Master Plan projects. The plan shall include the following:

- Public outreach to residents in affected neighborhoods
- Description of existing facility and neighborhood traffic conditions and new roadway counts if necessary
- Descriptions of proposed neighborhood traffic controls including preliminary street modification plans
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- Analysis of any change in existing or future patterns as a result of implementation of the plan
- Analysis of new area signage program for orientation
- Presentation of alternatives to the public
- Cost estimate and implementation and monitoring program
- Funding responsibility and guarantees
- Measures to minimize construction traffic and construction related impacts on local roadways, schools, bus routes, and pedestrian facilities as described in the Los Angeles Unified School District “Environmental Impact Responses” letter dated December 4th, 2006, Section 9 of the Final EIR.

Potential measures to control College related traffic include:

- Signage in the study area directing users to the College via major roadways and signage indicating “Neighborhood Traffic Only and “No Through Traffic”
- Speed Humps (neighborhood initiated, College funded)
- Traffic Circles (neighborhood initiated, College funded)
- Parking Facilities / Access (school initiated new parking, driveways, and Eldridge Ave. extension)

Response to Comment 23:

Please see revised mitigation measure T-13, Section 9.0 Clarifications and Revisions.

Response to Comment 24:

The LAMC acknowledges the concerns regarding construction emissions and their effect on nearby schools. The SCAQMD has specific rules and regulations (i.e., Rule 403 – Fugitive Dust) that prohibit fugitive emissions (i.e., dust) to migrate from the property line. As a result, construction contractors will be required to ensure that site specific activities are controlled and monitored to prevent dust plumes during construction at all LAMC project locations. In addition, mitigation measures will be implemented for the proposed project to reduce PM10 (dust) and other criteria pollutants during construction activities. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan will also be developed to ensure that the mitigation is implemented and enforced. Construction will be required to cease during high wind conditions and any stockpiled materials will be covered to ensure that no substantial dust leaves the property line. In addition, watering to reduce particulate emissions will be used on a daily basis to control dust during grading activities.
(Mitigation Measure AQ-CMM-10.) The mitigation measures identified to reduce environmental impacts associated with the proposed project will be implemented throughout the project at all locations including along the LAMC property line. These mitigation measures are designed to reduce environmental impacts on adjacent property and nearby schools.

Both Hubbard Street Elementary School and Harding Street Elementary School are located outside of the area of potential effect from project construction noise. Construction noise on non-school receptors is the only significant residual project noise impact. Project traffic noise would be less than significant.
December 1, 2006

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Listed below are concerns members of the LAMC Ad Hoc Committee and/or Stakeholders feel have not been addressed or have not been addressed adequately:

1. Have you studied and can you guarantee that the street extension of Eldridge to Maclay, the underground parking and buildings planned for the Eldridge/Harding property are structurally feasible and economically viable?

2. Explain the requirements for the C.U.P. and variance at the Eldridge/Harding Property. Be specific about issues that will be addressed in your application.

3. Per your noticing, community members were given a choice of dates to attend either of the two public comment meetings. The November 28th Public Comment Meeting introduced a slide containing information about the Draft EIR being presented to the LACCD as an agenda item on December 13. This information was not provided to the attendees who chose to attend the Public Comment Meeting on November 8, 2006. Were the attendees at the first meeting notified of this December 13th presentation? Was there any other information presented on the 28th that differed from the first meeting?

4. Please provide your detailed emergency plan for students, faculty and staff as a separate topic in the EIR.

5. This project as shown in the tables spans seven or eight years. This assumes funding is available to complete it on this timeline. Table ES-3 lists numerous traffic impacts as less than significant due to mitigation that will be implemented at the completion of the project. Significant portions of the project will be complete at least five years before the project is complete. This seems to be a long gap between impact and mitigation. Should this be disclosed and/or the mitigations put in place earlier?
6. Lighting at the Harding location is not being given the scrutiny it needs. There are nocturnal animals that live in the debris basin adjacent and the lighting there is critical. We believe that lighting is a potential significant impact to both the wildlife and view of adjacent homes and should be listed along with specific mitigation such as specific types and levels of security and other lighting.

7. Please provide diagrams and explanations of the planned traffic patterns, including left turn lanes, lane striping, street lights, traffic signals, and the time staging of implementation.

8. Diagonal parking on Eldridge will change traffic patterns. Specifically detail what measures will be implemented to discourage additional use of Maclay and other neighborhood streets. Specifically detail what measures will be implemented to deal with the traffic hazards on Eldridge caused by additional congestion and u-turns. Complete a specific traffic study on this issue before implementing.

9. There will be increased usage of the short street segment of Harding as it moves from Eldridge to Harding/Maclay as students go to the Eldridge/Harding property. There will be increased usage of the short street segment of Harding as it moves from Maclay/Harding to Eldridge as students move to the existing campus and to the new diagonal parking on Eldridge. In order to enter onto the short street segment of Harding a hairpin-like left turn across traffic is required. What are the plans for widening, particularly if an additional left turn lane is installed on Eldridge at Harding? Because of the hairpin-like turn required and it’s hazardous nature, what additional mitigations will be done and when will they be completed on this intersection.

10. What is the ratio of current students using public transit versus not using public transit for each section of class time: morning, afternoon, evening and weekend classes? Provide the same ratio information for faculty and staff. What economic factors does the use of public transit depend upon,ie gas prices, college fees and employment, etc?

What is the college’s goal of the marketing campaign described in the DEIR? State this goal in both terms of number of trips and percentages to be eliminated for each section of class times: morning, afternoon and evening classes? Include your methodology

Very Truly Yours,

Lois Fife, Chair
for the Committee

CC: LACCD Board of Trustees
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Responses to Comments

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Development of the Eldridge Road extension through to Maclay can be accommodated through excavation and shoring walls, a common engineering practice within developed urban areas. Detailed engineering and construction costs will be developed in the project design phase and will meet City of Los Angeles and other structural design standards and requirements.

Response to Comment 2:

The existing LAMC campus is zoned “PF”, public facilities. Educational institutions are allowed in the “PF” zone with a conditional use permit (CUP). The Harding Street Site parcels are zoned “A1”, agricultural. Educational institutions are also allowed in the “A1” zone with a CUP. If the local zoning exemption is not pursued, an application for a CUP would be submitted to the City of Los Angeles for approval. The LAMC campus has a zoning height limit of three stories or 45 feet. Proposed structures on the LAMC campus would not exceed these height site specific zoning restrictions. The structures on the LAMC campus would not comply with the site specific zoning conditions listed on page 3.9-17 of the Draft EIR.

Response to Comment 3:

The format and presentations in the Public Comment meetings on November 8th and November 28th were similar. Both meetings were scheduled within the 45-day public comment period for the Draft EIR. Between the two meetings, the precise schedule for the presentation of the Draft EIR and Final EIR to the LACCD Board of Trustees was refined. Information developed after the meeting on November 8th was introduced into the presentation on November 28th in order to provide the public the most current information available. A revision to the “EIR Process” slide was made for the second EIR public comment meeting to provide greater detail concerning the EIR certification process before the LACCD Board of Trustees. The presentation of the Draft EIR to the Board of Trustees consisted of a ten minute abbreviated presentation of the Master Plan.
(one slide) and the Draft EIR (a simple table and views from the Aesthetics section of the Draft EIR), rather than the 30 minute more detailed presentation provided during the public comment meetings at LAMC.

Response to Comment 4:

The LAMC has in place the Mission College Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), updated in May 2006. This EOP is designated to meet both California and Federal Homeland Security Presidential Directive (JSPD)-5 requirements. The Mission College EOP:

- Conforms to the National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Standardized Emergency management System (SEMS)/Incident Command System (ICS).
- Provides Emergency Operations Center (EOC) responders with procedures, documentation, and user friendly checklists to effectively manage emergencies.
- Provides detailed information of supplemental requirements such as Public Information, Damage Assessment and Recovery Operations.

This three volume Emergency Response Plan contains information and guidelines on the proper courses of action to be implemented in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. In preparation for a major earthquake, the LAMC holds disaster simulation exercises on an annual basis to demonstrate safety procedures for various types of emergencies. In the event of a major earthquake, Campus Emergency Response Teams and City of Los Angeles Fire Department Uniform Search and Rescue response teams will perform searches for fires, and rescue victims in damaged buildings. In addition, the college has in place an adopted Evacuation Plan that will includes Safety Marshalls who are trained to safely evacuate students and staff through the use of primary and alternate escape routes. All Safety Marshals are trained in the evacuation of disabled individuals and in the use of equipment necessary for the evacuation.

Response to Comment 5:

The traffic mitigation measures in the Draft EIR are associated with project phases. The precise timing of individual mitigation measures will be determined in consultation with and subject to the approval of the LADOT.

Response to Comment 6:

Please see page 3.3-27 of the Draft EIR which discusses the potential impact of lighting on nocturnal species and birds.

Response to Comment 7:

Please see page 8-3, Figure 8.1-1 of Appendix E – Transportation and Traffic Technical Report.
Response to Comment 8:

To address your comments, please see the following:
   a) First sentence comment, see Tim and Cheryl Wilkins 11/08/06 - Response to Comment 7,
   b) Second sentence comment, see page 3.13-55 of the DEIR,
   c) Third and fourth sentence comment, see Tim and Cheryl Wilkins 11/08/06 - Response to Comment 7.

Response to Comment 9:

The LAMC and URS met with the City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to review and secure LADOT approval of the proposed intersections for analysis prior to and during the analysis in the Draft EIR. Please refer to the LADOT comment letter on the Draft EIR indicating that the traffic analysis in the Draft EIR meets LADOT Guidelines. In addition, the LAMC and URS conducted extensive public outreach and scoping meetings during which the public requested analysis of specific neighborhood traffic impacts. This analysis is provided in the Draft EIR on pages 3.13-17 and 18.

Response to Comment 10:

Please see Response to Comment 9.

Response to Comment 11:

Please see page 3.13-44 of the DEIR, paragraph six. A transit ridership survey was not requested by LADOT during scoping meetings for this EIR. No transit marketing campaign was included in Section 3.13 of the Draft EIR. The goal of the marketing campaign would be to increase the use of public transit.

Response to Comment 12:

Please see Response to Comment 11.
December 1, 2006

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Dear Sir,

The Sylmar Neighborhood Council Board of Directors voted at their November 9, 2006 meeting to send this letter with the following comments and requests:

1. That Sylmar Neighborhood Council supports the Los Angeles Mission College alternative for Reduced Buildout on the existing Footprint with an enrollment cap at 13,000 as described in the October 2005 DEIR and similarly described alternative per the October 2006 DEIR.

2. That the EIR will state that no athletic or ball fields will be considered or planned on LACCD owned parcels in the Pacoima Wash for 20 years.

3. Any building or facility which is not currently funded by already allocated funds, will require that the College adhere to the Sylmar Community Plan that is currently being drafted and come back to the community for input when future funds become available.

4. That LAMC Ad Hoc Committee be advised of, and at least one committee member be invited to attend, the LAMC Citizen Oversight Committee meetings (COCC) as an observer until completion of the LAMC expansion project.

5. That the Los Angeles Mission College, Gateway Engineering, et al, meet bi-monthly with the Los Angeles Mission College Ad Hoc Committee of the Sylmar Neighborhood Council, to cover the significant project impacts and mitigation measures and any other issues of concern impacting our community regarding the EIR and Master Plan.
Please include this letter into correspondence received during this Open Comment Period for the October 2006 DEIR.

Sincerely,

Tammy Flores
President

CC: LACCD Board of Trustees
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Letter Dated: 12/1/06 (second letter)

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**Responses to Comments**

**Response to Comment 1:**

The LACCD acknowledges your support for the Reduced Build-Out on the Main Campus project alternative.

**Response to Comment 2:**

The Proposed Master Plan does not include proposed facilities on the LACCD owned parcels in the Pacoima Wash. The present LACCD Board of Trustees is not capable of binding the discretion of the future Board of Trustees.

**Response to Comment 3:**

The LAMC will provide public outreach and community meetings as future buildings within the Master Plan are funded and designed. Consistency with the Sylmar Community Plan is analyzed in the Draft EIR in Section 3.9.3, Land Use and Planning. At this time, the LACCD Board of Trustees cannot bind the District to adherence to an unknown future local land use plan which has neither been prepared nor adopted.

**Response to Comment 4:**

The Sylmar Community Council is welcome to participate in Citizen’s Oversight Committee meetings as the Master Plan is implemented.

**Response to Comment 5:**

The LACCD and LAMC are both supportive of ongoing community involvement in the implementation of the LAMC Master Plan. The LAMC encourages a Sylmar Community Council member to attend Citizen’s Oversight Committee. In addition, the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program will result in written reports which will be available for public review at the LAMC.

**Response to Comment 6:**

The LACCD appreciates your second comment letter and hereby includes your comment letter with these written responses in the Final EIR.