

# Long Beach Community College District

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**TO:** Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with Title 14, Section 15082(a), 15103, and 15375 of the California Code of Regulations

The Long Beach Community College District (LBCCD) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in the preparation of the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the project identified below. The Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the SEIR in order to provide the widest exposure and opportunity for input from public agencies, stakeholders, organizations, and individuals on the scope of the environmental analysis addressing the potential effects of the proposed project.

**PROJECT TITLE:** 2020 Unified Master Plan Liberal Arts Campus Improvements

**AGENCIES:** LBCCD requests your agency's views on the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b).

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** LBCCD requests your comments and concerns regarding the environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project Site, the Liberal Arts Campus (LAC), is approximately 3.0 miles west of the Interstate 605 San Gabriel River Freeway, 3.0 miles east of the Interstate 710 Long Beach Freeway, 1.5 miles north of the Interstate 405 San Diego Freeway, and less than ½-mile east of Lakewood Boulevard, State Highway 19. In addition, the Project Site is located approximately one-third mile northeast of the Long Beach Municipal Airport. The LAC is located at 4901 East Carson Street in the City of Long Beach (City), California. The City of Long Beach is in the southwestern portion of the Los Angeles County, adjacent to the northern border of Orange County. The LAC is bounded by Harvey Way on the north; Clark Avenue on the east; Skylinks Golf Course on the south; and Faculty Avenue on the west.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The 2020 Unified Master Plan provides a prioritized program of work incorporating the 2004 LAC Master Plan and the space and building needs identified to the year 2020. After the reduction of the eliminated Master Plan improvements, the LBCC 2020 Unified Master Plan LAC improvements would result in an estimated increase over the 2004 LAC Master Plan of 25,480 sq. ft of renovation, 99,421 sq. ft of new construction, and 27,792 sq. ft. removed. Specific updated improvements include:

- The bottom floor of Building D will be renovated for Biology.
- Building E, the College Center (Student Center) will be renovated and expanded by 10,000 square feet.
- Building F will be renovated for Multi-Disciplinary uses.
- Building I will be renovated and expanded by 4,000 square feet for use as the new Bookstore. The LBCCD Foundation organization will be moved to Building O2, located south of Conant Street.
- Building K, the Fine Arts Building will be renovated.
- A new Math Tech Building (Building 1) will be built on the northwest portion of the existing surface Parking Lot J. This building will support Math, Culinary Arts, Health, and Instructional Support. It would consist of three stories and approximately 51,873 square feet in size.
- A new Performing Arts Building (Building 3) will replace the existing Buildings G and H, consisting of approximately 34,000 square feet.
- A new Tutorial Center (Building 6) will be built adjacent to Building A, consisting of approximately 6,800 square feet.
- The proposed Parking Structure 7 will be built on a portion of surface Parking Lot J, immediately southeast of the proposed Building 1. It would consist of five stories and approximately 310,000 square feet. It would contain approximately 900

parking spaces with a maximum 950 parking spaces. The proposed structure would be accessed from two locations off Clark Street and one location off Lew Davis Street. These entrances would provide vehicle queuing space for eight cars entering and exiting the garage to reduce congestion on Clark Avenue. A solar photovoltaic system will be installed on the roof of the Proposed parking structure to supply electricity to the structure. The Proposed Project will also include secure bicycle parking at ground level for 100 bicycles.

- A new telecommunications building will be built adjacent to Building P. This 400 sq.ft. building will consolidation the telecommunications network, most of which is currently housed in Building N. This will included one or two parking spaces for electronic vehicles.
- An Olympic sized swimming pool will be constructed between Buildings R and Q. It will include grandstands to accommodate 3,000 people.
- Improvements to directional signage will take place campus-wide. This will include monument, directional, and an electronic information sign adjacent to the north side of Carson Street, midway between Faculty Avenue and Clark Avenue. The electronic information sign will be approximately 22 feet tall and 16 feet wide.
- Closure of Faculty Drive between Lew Davis Street and Carson Street. Convert closed area to athletic field. Possible drop-off zone at Faculty Drive and Lew Davis Street.
- LAC buildings will be studied for possible Solar Photovoltaic systems. First system will be placed on the roof of the new Parking Structure 7. Others may be added if appropriate rooftops are identified. Potential candidates include the new Math Tech Building (Building 1) and the new Performing Arts Building (Building 3).

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** LBCCD has prepared an Initial Study that describes the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. Based on the conclusions of the Initial Study, it has been determined that an SEIR is the appropriate level of environmental documentation. The SEIR will include the provision of alternatives.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** LBCCD has determined to make this NOP and Initial Study available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). LBCCD will accept written comments for the NOP and Initial Study between September 11, 2009 and October 12, 2009.

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization and send your comments to:

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Long Beach Community College District  
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Your comments may also be sent by FAX to (562) 938-5076 or by email to [lcruz.bmt@lbcc.edu](mailto:lcruz.bmt@lbcc.edu) and include “2020 Unified Master Plan LAC Improvements” in the subject line.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Initial Study is available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below.

- LBCCD Bond Management Team office, LBCC LAC, 4901 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California 90808
- LAC Library, Building L, LBCC LAC, 4901 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California 90808
- Ruth Bach Library located at 4055 N. Bellflower Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90808.

In addition, the NOP/IS is available online at the LBCCD website ([www.lbcc.edu](http://www.lbcc.edu)).