



Notice of Preparation

TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report in Compliance with The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines, Title 14, Section 15082(a) of the California Code of Regulations

The City of Pasadena is the lead agency under CEQA in the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified below. We request the view of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information relevant to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by the City when considering any permits that your agency must issue, or other approval for the project. Since an EIR will be prepared, an Initial Study has not been prepared for the project.

AGENCIES: The City 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). Please submit the name of a contact person for your agency.

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

PROJECT TITLE: Art Center College of Design Master Plan

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project site is located at 1700 Lida Street in the City of Pasadena, and consists of 11.94 acres located immediately adjacent to the City boundary with the City of Glendale. The project site is roughly bounded by the Pasadena City limits to the west, Lida Street to the north, Avalon Avenue to the east and Afton Street to the south. The Art Center campus is currently developed with two permanent and multiple temporary classroom structures and two surface parking lots.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Master Development Plan would be implemented in three phases over 25 years and proposes:

- Preservation of 145 acres of natural open space;
- Increasing landscaped open space from 167,000 square feet to 190,000 square feet;
- Increasing building area from 242,512 square feet to 330,786 square feet;
- Increasing student enrollment from 1445 to 1900.
- Increasing faculty from 350 to 360.
 - Phase 1
 - Construction of Sinclair Pavilion (completed in 2001).
 - Phase 2
 - Construction of the Design Research Center (DRC) at 48,183 square feet;
 - Creation of new outdoor plazas that will serve as venues for formal and informal meetings and events;
 - Increasing on-site parking from 914 to 1,258 vehicle spaces with the construction of a new five-level parking structure;
 - Construction of 15,145 square feet of additional operations and maintenance facilities;
 - Removal of temporary classrooms made redundant by completion of DRC;

- Construction of a 42,226 square foot, two-level addition to Tyler Annex;
- Phase 3
 - Renovation and remodeling of the Ellwood Building;

The height of new structures will range from approximately 52-feet for the expansion of the Tyler Addition to approximately 98-feet to the top of the glazed central atrium of the Design Research Center. Except for the atrium, the height for the DRC is a maximum of 60 feet or five stories. The new parking structure will be approximately 44-feet in height.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: An EIR will be prepared to evaluate the project's potential impacts on the environment and analyze alternatives. Staff anticipates that technical studies will be required for the following impacts areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality. In addition, technical studies may be required for the following impacts areas subject to completion of an Initial Study: Cultural Resources, Public Services, Utilities and Service Systems subject to analysis and circulation of the Initial Study.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The City makes this Notice of Preparation (NOP) and project description available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The comment period for the NOP begins June 13, 2007 and ends on July 13, 2007.

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

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SCOPING MEETING: The City will hold scoping meetings on the dates noted below. You are welcome to attend and present environmental information that you believe should be addressed in the EIR.

Wednesday, June 27, 2007	Thursday, June 28, 2007	Saturday, June 30, 2007
Planning Commission City Council Chambers 100 N. Garfield Avenue Room S-249 6:15 PM	Rose Bowl 1001 Rose Bowl Drive Press Box 5:00 PM	Art Center College of Design 1700 Lida Street LA Times Media Center 10:00 AM

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The NOP, application submittal, and project description are available for public review at the public locations listed below. The materials are available for review during regular business hours at the City of Pasadena, Department of Planning and Development address listed above and the following locations:

- Pasadena Permit Center (175 N. Garfield Ave.)
- Central Library (250 E. Walnut St.)
- Linda Vista Branch Library (1281 Bryant Street Pasadena, CA 91103)

The Initial Study will be available for review at the Planning Commission Scoping meeting on June 27, 2007. The Initial Study will also be posted on the city's website at this address: http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning/environmental/Art%20Center/ArtCenter_Home.asp

If you require additional information please contact Mr. Robert Avila at (626) 744-6706 or submit questions and comments by fax at (626) 744-7767.