



CITY OF PASADENA

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

To: All Interested Parties

From: City of Pasadena Environmental Administrator
Planning and Development
175 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91109-7125

PROPERTY INFORMATION

APPLICANT NAME: **Art Center College of Design**
PROJECT SITE ADDRESS: **1700 Lida Street, Pasadena**
ZONING DISTRICT: **PS (Public/Semi-Public District)**
GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: **Institutional**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The City of Pasadena prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (*DEIR*) for the proposed Art Center College of Design Master Plan. The following impacts were found to have no impact or to be less than significant during project scoping and circulation of the Initial Study. Thus, no additional analysis is required—Agricultural Resources, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Mineral Resources, Population & Housing, and Recreation. The Draft EIR analyzed the following impacts: *Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology & Soils, Hydrology & Water Quality, Land Use & Planning, Noise, Public Services, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities & Service Systems*. All of these impacts were found to be less than significant with mitigation measures incorporated.

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

- Preservation of approximately 145 acres of undeveloped land area;
- Increasing landscaped open space from 167,000 square feet to approximately 190,000 square feet;
- Increasing building area from approximately 242,500 square feet to approximately 330,800 square feet;
- Increasing student enrollment from 1,500 full-time students to approximately 1,900;
- Increasing faculty from 350 to approximately 360.
- Phase 1
 - Construction of the Design Research Center (DRC) at approximately 48,200 square feet;
 - Creation of new outdoor plazas that will serve as venues for formal and informal meetings and events;
 - Increasing on-site parking from 944 to approximately 1,296 vehicle spaces with the construction of a new five-level parking structure;
 - Construction of approximately 15,100 square feet of additional operations and maintenance facilities;
 - Removal of temporary classrooms made redundant by completion of DRC;
 - Construction of an approximately 42,200 square foot, two-level addition to Tyler Wing;
- Phase 2
 - Renovation and remodeling of the Ellwood Building;

The height of new structures will range from approximately 52-feet for the expansion of the Tyler Annex 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 73-feet or five stories. The new parking structure will be approximately 44-feet in height.

APPROVALS NEEDED: The Draft EIR will be circulated for 45-days for advisory review and comment by the Design, Historic Preservation, Planning and Transportation Advisory Commissions. Implementation of

the proposed project requires certification of the EIR, adoption of Mitigation Measures, Mitigation Monitoring Program, and Master Plan findings.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SITES: The project site is not listed on a hazardous material list pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) may be received in writing from **April 9—May 24, 2008** and orally at public hearings or meetings considering these documents. Written comments should be sent to *Robert Ávila at 175 N. Garfield Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101*. If you wish to challenge Draft Environmental Impact Report in court, you may be limited to raising those issues that you or someone else raised in writing, or at any public hearing or meetings where these documents were considered.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR document may be viewed at 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)
- On the web:
http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning/environmental/Art%20Center/ArtCenter_Home.asp

Presentation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report and receipt of public comment will occur at the following public hearings before the City Advisory Commissions listed below:

Historic Preservation Commission

***Monday
April 21, 2008***

Pasadena Permit Center
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Hearing Room
6:00 PM

Design Commission

***Monday
April 28, 2008***

Pasadena Permit Center
175 N. Garfield Avenue
Hearing Room
5:30 PM

Transportation Advisory Commission

***Friday
May 2, 2008***

Offices of the Dept. of Transportation
221 E. Walnut Street, Suite #210
Conference Room
7:30 AM

Planning Commission

***Wednesday
May 14, 2008***

City Hall
100 N. Garfield Avenue
City Council Chambers, Room S-249
6:15 PM

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