

# 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:** 2041 Facilities 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 implementation of the 2041 Master Plan, including construction and operation.

**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 2041 Facilities Master Plan provides a prioritized program of work incorporating the 2004 LAC Master Plan, the 2020 Unified Master Plan for LAC, and the space and building needs identified to the year 2041. The LBCCD 2041 Facilities Master Plan LAC improvements would result in an estimated increase over the 2020 Unified Master Plan of 15,877 square feet of renovation, and 69,564 square feet removed, and estimated increase of 30,035 square feet of new construction. The following descriptions identify specific improvements recommended for the 2041 Facilities Master Plan LAC Improvements, that were not part of the 2020 Unified Master Plan or the original 2004 LAC Master Plan Program EIR:

- Building D, Science Building renovation will be expanded from 9,326 square feet to 16,000 square feet
- Building E, the Existing College Center will be demolished (50,276 GSF) and a new building will be constructed with approximately the same GSF of 50,276. The new construction will be in lieu of major renovation of building E that was previously shown on 2020 Master Plan.
- Building F will be demolished and replaced with new landscape and hardscape.
- The Performing Arts Building (Building G previously shown as Building 3 on 2020 Master Plan) will replace the existing G and H, consisting of approximately 42,857 square feet instead of 46,671 square feet which was shown on 2020 Master Plan.
- Building O1 will undergo structural enhancements to the 26,560-square foot building to obtain Division of State Architect certification.

- Building O2 will undergo structural enhancements to the 51,302-square foot building to obtain Division of State Architect certification.
- Building R, Primary Gymnasium is anticipated to have an expansion with new construction to the south of 10,000 gross square feet to accommodate program needs.
- In order to meet programmatic needs a new 10,000 gross square foot structure may be built between Buildings Q and R to accommodate swing space and title IX needs while the buildings are being renovated.
- Building W, aquatics center, will be approximately 20,000 GSF of building structure for restrooms, locker rooms, team rooms, classroom and offices and will have approximately 800 spectator seat capacity. (An Olympic sized swimming pool with grandstands to accommodate a 3,000-spectator seat capacity was shown in the 2020 Master Plan.)
- Outdoor Kinesiology Labs, Renovation and New construction of physical education outdoor playing fields to include softball relocation, two soccer fields, 6 tennis courts, and 5 sand volleyball courts, and supporting facilities, such as restrooms, field house, and storage facilities. Approximately 9,821 SF of the building W will be allocated to The Outdoor Kinesiology Labs as supporting facilities. Also, the existing field house for Softball Field will be removed and replaced with approximately 4,098 SF of new supporting facilities. (Outdoor Physical Education Labs, including softball field relocation, were previously shown in the 2020 Master Plan.)
- In order for the District to meet the state requirements and Executive Order B-18-12 for Zero-Net-Energy, LAC campus will be studied for possible Solar Photovoltaic systems at various locations. Parking Lot M as well as other parking lots may have two thirds of the lot covered with photovoltaic carport structures to meet the statewide requirements for energy production and achieve a Zero Net Energy District.

**POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** LBCCD has prepared an Initial Study (IS) 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 February 8, 2018 and March 9, 2018.

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

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Your comments may also be sent by FAX to (562) 938-5065 or by email to CEQA@lbcc.edu and include “2041 Facilities 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, Building O-1, 4901 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California 90808
- LAC Library, Building L, 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 (<https://www.lbcc.edu/pod/facilities-master-plans>).