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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report

To: State Clearinghouse, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Individuals and Organizations

Lead Agency: San Diego Community College District

Project Title: San Diego City College Facilities Master Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the San Diego Community College District (District) has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) for the San Diego City College (City College) Facilities Master Plan (FMP or project). The Draft PEIR was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is now available for public review and comment. The 45-day public review period mandated by CEQA will extend from Thursday, August 20, 2026, to Monday, October 5, 2026.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: A copy of this Notice of Availability (NOA), the Draft PEIR, and the associated technical appendices are available for review online under the heading “Environmental Notices” at: <https://www.sdccd.edu/departments/operations/construction/index.aspx>. In addition to the digital copy of the Draft PEIR, physical copies of the Draft PEIR are available for review during the public comment period during standard hours of operation at the following locations:

- District Planning, Design, and Construction Office: 1450 Frazee Road, Suite 500, San Diego, California 92108
- San Diego City College Library: Building R (Learning Resource Center), 1313 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101
- San Diego Central Library: 330 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92101

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Written comments on the Draft PEIR must be emailed to SDCCDMeasureHH@sdccd.edu no later than **5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026** with “Draft PEIR Comments for City College FMP” in the subject line. The District requests that comments be provided electronically; however, if a hard copy submittal is necessary, written comments may be mailed to: San Diego Community College District, Attn: City College FMP, 1450 Frazee Road, Suite 500, San Diego, California 92108. Mailed comments must be postmarked by the end of the public review period. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15204, comments should focus on the adequacy of the environmental analysis, mitigation measures, and alternatives presented in the Draft PEIR.

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The project proposes improvements across the approximately 44-acre City College campus located in the Downtown Community Plan Area of the City of San Diego, San Diego County, California. North Campus is bounded by Interstate (I-) 5 on the north, Russ Boulevard on the south, Park Boulevard on the east, and State Route (SR) 163 on the west. South Campus is bounded by Russ Boulevard on the north, C Street and Broadway on the south, I-5 on the east, and Park Boulevard and 15th Street on the west.

The FMP recommends a series of physical improvements across the City College campus and adjacent public rights-of-way. The projects would generally demolish existing aging facilities on the campus and replace them with more modern facilities that would accommodate existing programming. The FMP is conceptual in nature and describes potential projects for the campus that would assist City College in meeting its educational and programming goals. Specific project designs, building footprints, architectural details, circulation and parking improvements, infrastructure alignments, and operational characteristics are expected to be refined during future planning and design phases. Specific projects identified for development under the FMP include:

- Building A Expansion
- Performing Arts Center replacement
- North Campus Athletic Fields
- North Campus Athletic Complex building, parking structure, and tennis courts
- New mixed-use classroom/office building and parking structure
- Replacement of East Village Middle College High School building
- Building R faculty office addition
- New student commons and café building with parking structure
- Maintenance and Operations offices, storage, and parking
- Seeds@City classrooms and offices
- Exterior amphitheater

Campus-wide improvements related to utility infrastructure and circulation are also part of the FMP and could be implemented in coordination with the projects listed above or undertaken as campus-wide efforts. Interior renovations, continued maintenance, and other minor construction could also occur throughout existing campus buildings. The Building A Expansion, Performing Arts Center, and North Campus Athletic Fields projects are anticipated to be designed and constructed in the near term. No specific timing or phasing is identified for the remaining projects or campus-wide improvements.

CEQA BACKGROUND: A Notice of Preparation for the PEIR was issued on December 5, 2025. In accordance with Section 15168 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Draft PEIR evaluates and discloses reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts associated with approval and implementation of the FMP. The PEIR provides an opportunity to consider both the programmatic effects of the FMP and the project-specific information needed for the District and responsible agencies to consider in issuing permits or approvals required for campus projects. Analysis is provided at the project level for the near-term projects and at a program level for the remaining improvements.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: Based on the environmental analysis presented in the Draft PEIR, mitigation measures would reduce the following environmental effects below a level of significance: aesthetics (light and glare); biological resources (nesting birds and raptors); cultural resources (archaeological resources and human remains); geology and soils (paleontological resources); hazards and hazardous materials (emergency response); hydrology and water quality

(flood hazards); noise and vibration; transportation (emergency access); tribal cultural resources; and wildfire (emergency plans). The impact on historic resources would remain significant with implementation of feasible mitigation measures. All other impacts were determined not to be significant based on the analysis presented in the Draft PEIR.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS STATEMENT: Based on a review of databases containing sites listed under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List) for the presence of hazardous materials, the campus does not contain sites identified as actively under evaluation, remediation, or verification monitoring or otherwise meeting Cortese List requirements.

PUBLIC HEARING: The District Board of Trustees will consider certification of the PEIR, including written comments received on the Draft PEIR, during a future public hearing. The hearing will be separately noticed via the District's website and standard noticing practices.