TO: Responsible and Concerned Agencies

SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Subsequent Project and Program EIR for the Mt. San Antonio College 2015 Facilities Master Plan Update and Physical Education Projects

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The Mt. San Antonio Community College District (District) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Draft Subsequent Project and Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the Mt. San Antonio College 2015 Facilities Master Plan Update and Physical Education Projects. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to your agency’s statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed update. Your agency will need to use the Draft SEIR prepared by the District when considering your input for the projects and program described in the Draft SEIR.

The projects and program descriptions, locations and the probable environmental effects are included in the complete NOP document which is posted on the college’s website (see below).

The prior 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2012 Facility Master Plans were evaluated in the Final Program EIRs (SCH 2002041161) that were certified in December 2002, January 2006, September 2008 and December 2013.

This Draft SEIR will address only those issues needed to make the prior 2002–2012 documentation adequate for the current projects and the projected student enrollment for 2020 (a headcount increase of 3,745). Based on initial scoping, the District believes the Physical Education Projects may result in project-specific environmental effects that were not fully examined in the Final Program EIRs (SCH 2002041161). Prior California Division of the State Architect (DSA) submittals concerning what is identified in the 2012 Final Program EIR as the Athletics Complex East (ACE) project (i.e. the stadium area) will be identified more comprehensively in this Draft SEIR as a component of the Physical Education Projects and Project-level CEQA documentation is being prepared for the Physical Education Projects component in this Draft SEIR.
Document Available for Review:


The NOP document may also be reviewed at the following locations:

- **Walnut Public Library**
  - Reference Desk
  - 21155 La Puente Avenue
  - Walnut, California 91789

- **Mt. San Antonio College Library**
  - Building 6, Library, 2nd floor, Reference Desk
  - 1100 North Grand Avenue
  - Walnut, California 91789

Time for Review:

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this Notice. We will also need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Please send your response To Mikaela Klein, Senior Facilities Planner at the address above.

**Project Title:** Mt. San Antonio College 2015 Facilities Master Plan Update and Physical Education Projects

**Date:** January 15, 2016

**Signature:**

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Mt. San Antonio College (over 420 acres) is the largest single-campus public community college in California with an estimated 2014–2015 fall enrollment of 35,986 students (headcount). The campus location is shown in Exhibit 1. The Mt. San Antonio Community College District (District) serves sixteen cities and unincorporated areas in the eastern part of Los Angeles County. However, the college’s larger effective service area extends beyond the District’s boundaries. The District includes ten (10) unified school districts. The District passed a Measure R Bond ($221 million) in November 2001 and a Measure RR Bond ($353 million) in November 2008 to fund its facilities programs.

The Mt. San Antonio College Facilities Planning & Management Department (FP&M) projects the campus will have a fall student enrollment of 39,731 (headcount) in 2020. The increased enrollment of 3,745 students will result in an increase of 4,606 trips in 2020. FP&M completed the 2015 Facilities Master Plan Update (e.g. Land Use Plan) to address new planning elements not previously included in the 2012 Facility Master Plan (FMP). The Final EIR for the 2012 FMP (SCH 2002041161) was certified in December 2013.

Exhibit 2 is the Land Use Plan (dated January 7, 2016) for the proposed 2015 Facilities Master Plan Update (FMPU). The major change from the 2012 FMP is the re-design of the athletic facilities south of Temple Avenue and East of Bonita Avenue. (Previously the athletics projects were named the Athletics Complex East (Phase 1) and Physical Education Complex (Phase 2). Both phases are now called the Physical Education Projects (Exhibit 3 dated November 10, 2015). The existing stadium (11,940 seats) will be demolished, rather than renovated, and a new stadium (10,912 seats) built onsite. The District intends to use Measure RR funds to design and construct the Physical Education Projects. Other changes in the 2015 FMPU include the relocation of the Public Transportation Center to Lot D3, an expanded Wildlife Sanctuary and Open Space area, and a pedestrian bridge across Temple Avenue connecting the Physical Education Complex to Lot F. The net increase in square footage (i.e. construction and demolition) at 2015 FMPU buildout is approximately 500,000 gross square feet.

The potential traffic-related impacts of future student enrollment increases will be evaluated in a new traffic study. Up to twenty locations will be analyzed and parking demand and supply projected. The traffic-related potential air quality, greenhouse gas and noise impacts will also be evaluated. Please note that traffic studies for colleges are unique in that trips are projected based on student enrollment, and not on building square footage. Project impacts on historic resources, soils/geology and water quality will also be evaluated.

Table 1 includes the existing and projected fall student enrollment (headcount projections) for the college. Exhibit 2 displays the proposed 2015 FMPU (i.e. Land Use Plan), Exhibit 3 is the combined site plan for the Physical Education Projects (Phases 1, 2) and Exhibit 4 displays the Existing Campus Plan.
Special annual events that will continue to be held on campus include the Mt. SAC/Brooks Relays and the Mt. SAC Cross-Country Invitational (XC Invite). The District is also filing an application to host the 8-day 2020 Olympic Track & Field Trials in late July or August 2020. The maximum daily attendance is projected as 20,000.

An Initial Study for the project is not attached and is not required by the CEQA Guidelines (Section 15063) at this time. The Draft SEIR will address the potential significant effects that are peculiar to the projects or site (Section 15183) and potential significant effects that were not addressed in the previous Final EIR certified by the District for the 2012 FMP.

Exhibit 4 is the Existing Campus Plan (dated January 7, 2016) and is provided for comparison purposes.

Table 1
2015 FACILITIES MASTER PLAN UPDATE ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

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<th>Academic Year</th>
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Source: Cambridge West Partnership, July 2015
Exhibit 1
REGIONAL LOCATION