

**LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DISTRICT**

**THIRD ADDENDUM TO THE
2002 LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE FACILITY
MASTER PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

LEAD AGENCY
LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

SPRING 2021

Summary

In 2002, a Facility Master Plan (Master Plan or Project) for City College was adopted by the Los Angeles Community College District (District). In conjunction with approving the Master Plan, and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District prepared and the Board certified an environmental impact report, State Clearinghouse Number 2002011125 (2002 EIR) analyzing the Master Plan's potential effects on the environment. The Master Plan was subsequently updated in 2009 and 2019 with minor revisions. Addendums to the 2002 EIR were prepared for each update. These CEQA documents are hereinafter referred to as the Previous Environmental Documentation.

One of the projects approved in the 2019 Master Plan Update was the Cesar Chavez replacement project. It was envisioned to be located on the same site as the existing Cesar Chavez building. (See **Exhibit A.**) But implementation of this concept would require relocating all current occupants into renovated swing space. Thus, it is now proposed that the replacement Cesar Chavez building be built immediately east of the existing building. This enables construction of the new building, without the need for swing space, saving time and cost, and avoiding inconvenience to current building occupants (Modified Project). (See **Exhibit B.**)

This Addendum to the 2002 EIR evaluates the potential environmental effects of modifying the location and size of the Cesar Chavez building. As explained herein, because this modification will involve some changes but will not result in a new or substantially more severe significant environmental effect, an Addendum is appropriate.

Purpose for this Addendum

This Addendum is a supplement to the 2002 EIR and the subsequent addenda to the 2002 EIR. This Addendum is prepared in accordance with CEQA, California Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15000 et seq. (State CEQA Guidelines).

The Previous Environmental Documentation and this Addendum serve as the environmental review for the proposed change to the Master Plan, i.e., the Modified Project.

EXHIBIT A (Existing Master Plan)



EXHIBIT B (Proposed Changes to Master Plan)



Background

2002 Master Plan and EIR

In 2002, the District certified the 2002 EIR, State Clearinghouse No. 2002011125, in support of the Master Plan. The 2002 EIR evaluated impacts associated with the establishment and implementation of the Master Plan and created a Mitigation Monitoring Program in order to mitigate impacts associated with the Master Plan. The primary goal of the Master Plan was to provide a framework for long-term development for the City College campus, which included the relocation of the athletic field, construction of two parking structures and the addition of 200,000 net new square feet of building space for a total of 996,428 square feet of space as well as an increase in parking from 1,645 parking spaces to 2,604 spaces.

2009 Master Plan Update and First Addendum to the 2002 EIR

In 2009, the District updated the Master Plan (2009 Master Plan Update), and an Addendum to the 2002 EIR was subsequently adopted on August 10, 2009. The 2009 Master Plan Update included the changing of two building site locations, the Child Development Center and the Gymnasium/PE building,, the demolition of the Childcare 1 and 2 Building, Cafeteria, Learning Resource Center, the construction of the new Physical Plant, Learning Support Center and Utility Building, and the renovation of the South Gym and Chemistry and Life Sciences Building. In addition, the District determined that a new dedicated Student Services facility and Student Union were priorities that were not provided in the Master Plan.

2019 Master Plan Update and Second Addendum to the 2002 EIR

In 2019, the Master Plan was again updated and an Addendum to the 2002 EIR was adopted (2019 Master Plan Update). The 2019 Master Plan Update involved replacing two buildings and elimination of another. More specifically, the 2019 Master Plan Update included demolishing the existing 49,876 square-foot (sf) Theater Arts building; constructing a new 42,201 sf Theater Arts building on the site of the Cafeteria/Economic Workforce Development building, which was previously approved for demolition in the 2009 Master Plan Update; demolishing the 85,538 sf Cesar Chavez Administration building and constructing a new 77,825 sf Cesar Chavez Administration and Workforce replacement building on the same site; and eliminating the previously approved 28,500 sf Learning Support Center building (approved in 2009 for the site of the Cafeteria/Economic Workforce Development building but not built).

Proposed Modifications

As noted previously, the 2019 Master Plan Update included construction of a new 77,825 sf Cesar Chavez building. It was envisioned to be located on the same site as the existing 85,538 sf Cesar Chavez building. Because implementation of this concept would require relocating all current occupants into renovated swing space, it is now proposed that the replacement Cesar Chavez building be built immediately east of the existing building. This enables construction of the new building, without the need for swing space, saving time and cost, and avoiding inconvenience to current building occupants.

The replacement Cesar Chavez building will be approximately 75,000 sf. The existing building will be demolished once the replacement building is constructed and occupied. The replacement building will house administrative functions, a tutoring center, campus security and a large multi-purpose room for large meetings and events. A small surface parking area, with limited access, will serve campus security, the mail room and reprographics. The area immediately west of the new building will remain an open landscaped area, creating an entry from the west. The area immediately west of the existing Student Services building will also be an open landscaped area.

CEQA Analysis

According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(a), an addendum *shall* be prepared if some changes or additions to a previously adopted EIR are necessary but none of the conditions enumerated in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162(a)(1)–(3) calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR have occurred.

No further EIR may be prepared unless one of the circumstances under Public Resources Code section 21166, as further clarified in State CEQA Guidelines section 15162, has occurred:

- (1) *Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*
- (2) *Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or*

- (3) *New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time that the EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:*
- a. *The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;*
 - b. *Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR;*
 - c. *Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative; or*
 - d. *Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.*

Based upon a review of the Modified Project plans, it has been determined that the proposed modification constitutes a minor technical change, and none of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines section 15162 are present.

The proposed change to the Master Plan (i.e., minor change to the location of the Cesar Chavez building) would not result in a new or more severe significant impact. Further, there are no substantial changes in circumstances or new information of substantial importance that show a new or more severe significant environmental impact.

The evidence demonstrates that the building size remains similar, the location is nearly identical (immediately adjacent to where it was previously approved), and there will be no changes in enrollment or campus usage patterns as a result of the modification. For these reasons, substantial evidence supports the conclusion that no new or more severe significant impacts will occur as a result of the Master Plan Update, and an Addendum to the 2002 EIR is appropriate.

Conclusion

With regard to CEQA Section 21166 and Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines:

1. The Modified Project does not propose substantial changes that will require major revisions of the Previous Environmental Documentation due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;
2. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which development of the Modified Project is undertaken that will require major revisions of the Previous Environmental Documentation due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; and
3. No new information of substantial importance was found with regards to the Modified Project which would (a) create new significant effects; (b) increase the severity of previously examined significant effects; (c) determine that mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects, but was not adopted; or (d) introduce mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the Previous Environmental Documentation and that would reduce significant impacts.

For these reasons, a supplemental EIR may *not* be prepared and an Addendum is appropriate.

References

Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). 2002. *Los Angeles City College Facility Master Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report*. Los Angeles, CA: LACCD.

Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). 2009. *First Addendum to the Los Angeles City College 2002 Facility Master Plan Environmental Impact Report*. Los Angeles, CA: LACCD..

Los Angeles Community College District (LACCD). 2019. *Second Addendum to the Los Angeles City College 2002 Facility Master Plan Environmental Impact Report*. Los Angeles, CA: LACCD.