



NORTH ORANGE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT



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From: North Orange County Community College District
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Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report for the Cypress College Facilities Master Plan

North Orange County Community College District (District) is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cypress College Facilities Master Plan. The District is updating its Facilities Master Plan, which provides an analysis of the evolving student body and makes planning recommendations based on their education needs.

Project Description

Cypress College is generally bound by Lincoln Avenue to the north, Holder Street to the east, Orange Avenue to the south, and Valley View Street to the west. Approximately 138,000 assignable square feet (ASF) of new academic, auxiliary, and recreational uses would be constructed as part of the proposed project, which also includes the increase in square footage due to the expansion of existing buildings. The proposed project would involve the demolition of approximately 56,561 ASF of existing buildings and facilities. Approximately 1,100 net parking spaces would be created from construction of a new parking structure and reconfiguration of existing lots. Parking Lots 1 through 9 will be reconfigured with 90-degree parking stalls to increase efficiency; entries/exits for all parking lots will be reconfigured to improve visibility and traffic flow; pedestrian walkways, crosswalks, and connections for pedestrian safety will be incorporated; clear and directional wayfinding signage will be provided; and options for photovoltaic (PV) canopy-covered parking lots to increase shade and reduce heat island effect will be included. Chapter 3 of the Program EIR includes a detailed project description.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts

Based on analysis provided in the Draft Program EIR, it was determined that there would be no impacts or less-than-significant impacts related to agricultural and forestry resources, biological resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gases and climate change, land use and planning,

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mineral resources, population and housing, public services, recreation, and traffic and circulation. There would be less-than-significant impacts with mitigation related to aesthetics, air quality, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and utilities and service systems. The Draft Program EIR also determined that the proposed project would have significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance related to cultural resources (historic resources).

Public Comment Period

The Draft Program EIR is available through the District's website (<http://www.nocccd.edu/>) and the [Cypress College website \(http://www.cypresscollege.edu/\)](http://www.cypresscollege.edu/) for a 45-day public comment period from September 2, 2016, through October 16, 2016. A copy of the Draft Program EIR is also available for public review at the Cypress City Library at 5331 Orange Avenue and at the Administrative Offices, North Orange County Community College District, Anaheim campus, located at the address above. Comments on the Draft Program EIR may be made in writing, and should be sent to Richard Williams at the address shown above. Note we will need a contact name. Due to the time limits mandated by state law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but no later than 45 days after receipt of this notice.



Richard Williams

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