



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF A RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED POMONA COLLEGE 2015 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN
AND NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DESIGN REVIEW
OF THE NEW POMONA COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART PROJECT**

The City of Claremont, as lead agency, hereby gives notice that, pursuant to the authority and criteria contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the City of Claremont has prepared and completed a Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Pomona College 2015 Campus Master Plan. The Recirculated Draft EIR is a partial recirculation of the Final EIR, which was released to the public in March 2015, but was not certified. An EIR is an informational document that evaluates a proposed project's potential to significantly impact the environment, while also identifying ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts through mitigation measures and alternatives to the project.

Document Availability: The Recirculated Draft EIR will be available beginning on October 19, 2015 for public review and comment during regular business hours at the following locations, and may also be viewed on the City's website at www.ci.claremont.ca.us:

- Claremont City Hall, Community Development Department, 207 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711
- Claremont Public Library, 208 Harvard Avenue, Claremont, CA 91711
- Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Road, Claremont, CA 91711
- Youth Activity Center, 1717 N. Indian Hill Boulevard, Claremont, CA 91711

Sections of this EIR that have not been changed since availability of the previous (March 2015) Final EIR are not included in this Recirculated Draft EIR. The March 2015 Final EIR is available from the City of Claremont.

Public Review Period: The City has made this Recirculated Draft EIR available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b). The comment period during which the City will receive comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR is:

Starting Date: October 19, 2015

Ending Date: December 3, 2015

Comments: The City requests, in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15088.5(f), that commenters limit the scope of their comments to the information contained in the Recirculated Draft EIR, and reserves the right to respond only to comments or portions of comments relevant to such information. Comments must be submitted in writing to the address below and received by the City no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2015.

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Project Location: The project area (also "Plan Area" or "campus" in the Draft EIR) is the campus of Pomona College in the City of Claremont, County of Los Angeles, California. The campus of Pomona College is approximately 140 acres, and is roughly bounded by First Street on the south, Eighth Street on the north, Harvard Avenue on the west, and Mills and Amherst avenues on the east.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of a long range Master Plan for planned future improvements to the Pomona College campus over a period of 15 years from the date of City approval of the Master Plan, plus associated actions. The broad parameters of the Master Plan may be summarized as follows:

- Enrollment increase of 50 students (from 1,590 to 1,640 students), a net increase of 26 student beds on campus (from 1,534 to 1,560 beds), an increase of 30 faculty (from 192 to 222 faculty), and an increase of 30 staff (from 495 to 525 staff)
- Removal of up to 126,700 gross square feet of existing facilities and construction of up to 608,200 gross square feet of new facilities, for a net increase of 205,400 gross square feet of structural development

- A net increase of 18 on-campus parking spaces
- Campus lot coverage would increase from approximately 16% to approximately 18%
- Pedestrian and bicycle improvements to improve safety and clarify pedestrian and vehicular circulation patterns
- New and remodeled open spaces such as courtyards, plazas, walkways, streetscapes, and landscaping

Significant new information in the Recirculated Draft EIR includes:

- Relocation of Renwick House to accommodate construction of the new Pomona College Museum of Art project, and demolition of the rear structure
- Incorporation of information relating to a sewer study currently being prepared by the City, which has found existing and expected future capacity deficiencies in sewer lines serving Pomona College

Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5(c), this Recirculated Draft EIR contains only the portions of the March 2015 Final EIR that have been revised and replaced. The revised sections and appendices include:

- Executive Summary
- 1.0 Introduction
- 2.0 Project Description
- 4.0 Environmental Impact Analysis
 - 4.1 Aesthetics
 - 4.4 Cultural Resources
 - 4.13 Utilities and Service Systems
- 6.0 Alternatives
- 7.0 References and Preparers
- Appendix C: Historical Resources Reports
- Appendix H: Comments Received After Close of the Public Review Period of the Original Draft EIR and Before October 13, 2015
- Appendix I: Pomona College 2015 Campus Master Plan, September 2015

Potential Environmental Effects: Potentially significant environmental impacts were identified in the following issue areas in the March 2015 Final EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Use and Planning, Noise, and Transportation/Circulation. This Recirculated Draft EIR continues to identify potentially significant environmental impacts in these areas, but also in the issue area of Utilities and Service Systems.

Commission Review: The Architectural Commission is scheduled to review the Recirculated Draft EIR on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. The meeting will be held in the City Council Chamber, 225 W. Second Street, Claremont, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Pomona College Museum of Art: On October 28, 2015, the Architectural Commission will also conduct a preliminary review of the new Pomona College Museum of Art (PCMA), a project included in the Master Plan. The proposed location for the new PCMA is on the west side of College Avenue between Second Street and Bonita Avenue. The building area of the PCMA is 34,683 square feet.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), if you need special assistance to participate in the above-mentioned public meetings, please contact the City Clerk at (909) 399-5461 "VOICE" or 1 (800) 735-2929 "TT/TTY." Notification three working days prior to the meeting, or time when special services are needed, will assist City staff in assuring that reasonable arrangements can be made to provide access to the meetings.

Future Notices of Project: If you would like to be notified electronically about this project in the future, please provide your email address to Belle Newman, Contract Planner, at (909) 399-5485 or bnewmanplanning@gmail.com.

Mailed: October 16, 2015