2010 Update to the Los Angeles Valley College Facilities Master Plan

Board of Trustees
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Educational Master Plan Goals

• Increase student access
• Enhance academic programs and services to meet student needs
• Enhance institutional effectiveness
• Increase student retention, persistence and success
Facilities Master Plan Goals

• Provide an attractive, safe, accessible and high-quality learning environment.
• Create a rich campus life experience.
• Provide an environment that stimulates co-curricular activities, community and economic development, and cultural and athletic events.
• Maintain the park-like quality with a rich variety of trees.
• Turn the campus into a “laboratory for learning” that respects the environment and integrates sustainable design and practices.
• Provide a variety of gathering spaces appropriate for the college's diverse population.
• Strengthen the identity of the college by improving the campus' edges and wayfinding.
• Link disjointed areas through landscaping and visual axes to achieve a more cohesive campus.
2003 Master Plan
2006 Master Plan Update
2010 Master Plan Update
landscape
Monarch Center Plaza and Sustainable Park

- Landscape Slopes up from Plaza to Roof
- Riparian Biome: Native Riparian Infiltration Feature with Gravel, Rocks and Plants
- Courtyard with Native Canopy
- Roof contains Green Roof, Outdoor Terrace, & PV
- Garden Amphitheater
- Optional Water Treatment Area
- Upland Biome: Native Upland Species with Oak Canopy and Berms
- Riparian Biome: Native Riparian Infiltration Feature with Gravel, Rocks and Plants
- Seating Areas and Outdoor Classrooms with Interpretative Signage

Monarch Center (Student Union)
Business Technology Center
Parking Structure
Sustainable Park
sustainable
Proposed Sustainable Strategies
community
Los Angeles Valley College EIR
Addendum for the 2010 Master Plan Update
HISTORY OF CEQA ACTIONS

- An Addendum to the EIR was prepared for the 2005 Master Plan Update.
- Current Addendum to the EIR prepared for the Proposed 2010 Master Plan Update.
- The purpose of a CEQA Addendum is to demonstrate that proposed project changes would neither cause a new significant environmental impact nor exacerbate a significant impact already disclosed in the EIR (CEQA Guidelines § 15162-15164).
ADDENDUM FINDINGS

- The development proposed under the Master Plan Update would not cause any new significant impacts or exacerbate those significant impacts disclosed in the 2003 EIR.

- The two previously proposed mitigation measures to reduce traffic impacts at 10 intersections were deleted as the Master Plan Update would not result in significant impacts at these intersections.

- Traffic analysis demonstrated that lower trip generation is occurring than was forecast in the 2003 EIR (due in part to decreased enrollment growth and FTES levels).

- Parking supply on campus will be sufficient to meet demand for development proposed under the Master Plan Update.
ADDENDUM FINDINGS (CONT’D)

- The actions proposed under the Master Plan Update would not worsen levels of service (LOS) at local intersections.

- New mitigation measures were added to address Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise (based on current assessment standards) and Biological Resource impacts.

- New mitigation measures were added to ensure that no impacts to Historic Resources and Aesthetics result from the tree removals associated with the proposed Media Arts/Performing Arts Center.
PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Public outreach program utilized the College website, social media communication platforms (e.g., Facebook, Twitter), e-mail blasts and mailers, and newspaper notices, as well as direct community contact to notify the public and identify public concerns.

- Consensus Inc. and the LAVC Public Relations Officer Jennifer Fong-Borucki worked with President Carleo, the Environmental Consultant, and outside District legal counsel to plan the public outreach strategy. A synopsis of the public outreach plan and results was prepared.

- An open house-format public meeting took place at Campus Center Feb 1st at 6:30 pm.

- Approximately 20-24 members of the public attended the public meeting.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The closing date for the submittal of written comments was February 4th at 5 pm.
- A total of eight comment letters, public meeting comment sheets, and one e-mailed comment were received.
- The comments and the written responses to them appears as the last chapter in the Final EIR Addendum.
- Of the comments received, two were not directly germane to either the 2010 Master Plan Update and EIR Addendum.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

- One letter of support was received from Councilmember Paul Krekorian.
- Three of the comments received pertained to parking issues.
- Two comments pertained to landscaping issues, including one question about the effect of trees on the Planetarium night-sky views, and one pertaining to the tree removals called for as part of the Media Arts/Performing Arts Center.
- No new information was received in the public comments that would materially change the EIR Addendum findings.
Arts District
Arts District – Option D
Campus Plan
Tree Removal Plan
Preservation of Existing Trees
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Re-using existing Trees in Our project

The Canary Island Pine trees slated for removal will be milled on site and the lumber will be used in various components of the project. This unique process provides both a local and sustainable source the project’s wood elements while simultaneously redirecting a valuable resource from ending up in a landfill. The Local Wood Company will mill the logs on site using low-powered machinery and solar-powered drying techniques which will then be used in the following features:

• Wood screen walls in the Main Theater and Lobby
• Benches and other site seating
Site Harvested Wood