

Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Campus Master Plan

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TO: Public Agencies and Interested Parties

PROJECT TITLE: California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Campus Master Plan Update

LEAD AGENCY: The Board of Trustees of the California State University
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SUBJECT: **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Campus Master Plan**

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Campus Master Plan Update (proposed Master Plan). The Board of Trustees of the California State University (CSU Board of Trustees) is the lead agency for the preparation of the EIR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15000 et seq.) and has the authority to certify the EIR and approve the Master Plan.

This Notice of Availability (NOA) is prepared in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15087 to notify responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties that a Draft EIR has been prepared and is available for public review.

Background: Each of the 22 campuses within the CSU system is required by the CSU Board of Trustees to periodically evaluate their physical campus Master Plans to determine the need for possible updates. The Cal Poly Pomona Campus Master Plan Update is intended to guide the physical campus development necessary to support the needs of current students, faculty, and staff as well as projected student enrollment and campus population growth, which serve as the basis for determining long-term academic, administrative, student support, student housing, and athletic/recreational program space needs, in accordance with approved educational policies and objectives.¹

The last comprehensive revision to the Master Plan for the Cal Poly Pomona campus was approved in 2000 and was intended to guide campus development through the horizon year 2010. Since then, a number of minor and major Master Plan revisions have been approved by the CSU Board of Trustees under delegated approval authority. The 2000 Master Plan provided a framework for land use, development, open space,

¹ California State University, PolicyStat (formerly, State University Administrative Manual (SUAM)), Section II, Physical Master Plan and Off Campus Centers: Section 9007, Development of Physical Master Plan, 2020, available at:
<https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/8837634/latest#autoid-dgx6z>

and circulation to accommodate projected enrollment of 20,000 FTES.² A number of 2000 Master Plan projects have been implemented as originally proposed. Cal Poly Pomona enrolled approximately 22,847 FTES in Fall 2023.

Project Location: The Cal Poly Pomona campus is located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the cities of Pomona and Walnut and unincorporated Los Angeles County. The approximately 860-acre main campus, which is the subject of the proposed Master Plan, is generally bounded by the Interstate 10 Freeway (I-10) to the north, Valley Boulevard to the east, and West Temple Avenue to the south. The Mt. San Antonio Community College campus abuts the Cal Poly Pomona campus on the west. The main campus includes Innovation Village, which occupies the southeastern portion east of South Campus Drive and north of West Temple Avenue, and University Village student housing, south of West Temple Avenue at Valley Boulevard. The main campus also includes portions of the Spadra Landfill. The Cal Poly Pomona main campus extends northwest, abutting Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Beyond the main campus, Cal Poly Pomona owns property south of West Temple Avenue: the approximately 300-acre Lanterman Development Center (formerly the State of California Lanterman Center for the Developmentally Disabled); the 125-acre Spadra Farm, a one-time agricultural portion of the Lanterman Development Center and current site of the Cal Poly Pomona's teaching farm; and additional agricultural land, which formerly operated as the Spadra Landfill. No new development is proposed for the Lanterman Development Center, Spadra Farm, or Spadra Landfill under the proposed Master Plan, and they are not further discussed in the EIR.

Project Description: The proposed Master Plan would provide physical facility, space, and infrastructure improvements to support a projected enrollment of approximately 30,000 FTES on the Cal Poly Pomona main campus. The proposed Master Plan, with an approximate planning horizon of year 2040, subject to available funding, includes renovation of existing buildings (renovation), demolition and/or replacement of existing buildings in the same general physical location (replacement), minimal construction of new buildings on undeveloped sites at the core of the campus (new construction), and retention of most buildings in their existing locations and configurations (buildings to remain). The proposed Master Plan would provide renovated, replacement, and new space for academic programs, student support services, student housing, and athletic and recreational facilities, for a total net increase of approximately 600,000 gross square feet (GSF) of building space and approximately 1,040 net new student beds. At buildout, there would be a total of approximately 6.6 million GSF of building space on the Cal Poly Pomona main campus.

The proposed Master Plan identifies priority projects to be implemented in the near term, as well as longer-term projects for which less detailed information is currently available. Near-term projects are specific development components identified in the Master Plan and are expected to be constructed in the first 5 to 10 years following proposed Master Plan approval. The proposed Master Plan also identifies mobility and circulation, utilities and infrastructure, and sustainability and resiliency improvements and related strategies.

Environmental Effects: The Draft EIR found that construction and operation of development under the proposed Master Plan may result in potentially significant environmental impacts in the following resource

² FTES is the unit of measurement used to convert class load to student enrollment. At Cal Poly Pomona, one undergraduate FTES is equal to 15 units. Thus, one undergraduate FTES is equal to one undergraduate student enrolled in 15 units or 3 undergraduate students each enrolled in 5 units. A related unit of measurement is "headcount." In the case of one student taking 15 units, the headcount is 1; in the case of three students collectively taking 15 units, the headcount is 3.

areas: aesthetics; biological resources; archaeological resources; historic resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; and noise and vibration, which would be reduced to less than significant with the incorporation of mitigation measures, except that implementation of the proposed Master Plan would result in significant unavoidable impacts related to historic resources. A closed leaking underground storage tank (LUST) case is present on the main campus, which is considered a Cortese List site.

Public Review and Comment Period: A 45-day public review and scoping period will run from **May 7, 2025**, to **June 20, 2025**, in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR 15105). The proposed Master Plan and the Draft EIR are available for review online at the following link: <https://www.cpp.edu/masterplan>.

The Draft EIR is also available for review at the following location during regular business hours:

Cal Poly Pomona University Library
3801 West Temple Avenue
Pomona, California 91768

Written comments may be submitted by mail or email. All comments should indicate a contact person for your agency or organization, if applicable. Comments should be sent to the U.S. mail or email address below, to arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. on **June 20, 2025**:

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Public Information Meeting: The CSU Board of Trustees will hold a virtual Public Information Meeting to give the public an opportunity to learn more about the proposed Master Plan and Draft EIR. All members of the public and interested people are welcome to attend and provide written comments on the Draft EIR.

Date: May 13, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting Link : <https://bit.ly/4jU4B31>