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PROJECTS

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UC San Diego's Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections. Available on the Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu/projects/index.html is the Capital Improvements Status Map which is an interactive map where major campus projects are identified by location and are linked to detailed project information sheets.

Scripps Coastal Meander Trail Open

With sweeping views of the ocean and San Diego coastline from La Jolla Cove to Torrey Pines State Beach, the Coastal Meander Trail on the campus of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego adds a unique new recreational amenity to the state’s network of publicly accessible trails. The newest section of trail features a sensitively designed pathway and boardwalk traversing a coastal terrace 150 to 200 feet above the beach, re-vegetated with drought tolerant native plant species.

Construction of this trail was funded by a $350,000 grant from the California Coastal Conservancy and $262,000 in additional funding from Scripps Oceanography, with the goal of expanding public access and enjoyment of coastal view trails at Scripps. It extends the Coastal Meander northward to a spot that will eventually connect to a second scenic overlook with public parking for visitors.

The trail was designed and built with diligent attention to avoid impacts on environmental and cultural resources, respecting the steep terrain and natural beauty of this site. In addition to offering beautiful ocean, beach, and whitewater vistas, portions of the Scripps Coastal Meander serve as a showcase for habitat restoration and storm water pollution prevention efforts to protect the beach and coastal waters of the La Jolla Ecological Preserve, a state-designated Area of Special Biological Significance.

With new signage and maps identifying the Scripps Coastal Meander as a strand in the California Coastal Trail network, this project is a testament to the partnership and shared values between the California Coastal Conservancy and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego.
UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT AND MIXED USE HOUSING

The proposed project is located in the East Campus Mesa Housing neighborhood as current demand for on-campus housing exceeds the available supply. In addition, based on the projected population increases in graduate and professional students at UC San Diego, and the University’s goal of housing 50 percent of students on campus, it has become necessary to construct new graduate housing. UCSD’s Housing, Dining, and Hospitality presently has a significant waiting list of single graduate students and graduate students with families who cannot be housed within the existing on-campus units.

The project proposes to replace 88 housing units with 1,105 new micro-apartments and family apartments (total 1,355 new beds), and associated parking, infrastructure, and amenities.

The 853 micro-units and 252 family units are proposed in five apartment buildings. Two buildings would contain 1-bedroom micro-units for single graduate and professional students, and three buildings would contain 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units for graduate students and faculty with families. There is a parking structure associated with the project that would include 908 parking spaces for residents, staff, and visitors of the project. An additional 19 surface parking spaces also would be provided on the site.

The project would include exterior recreational amenities, including a multi-use grass playfield, swimming pool and spa, sand volleyball court, children’s play area, community garden, bocce ball court, and a bouldering wall. In addition, passive recreational facilities such as barbecue grills, outdoor gathering and dining areas, outdoor showers, communal courtyards, pedestrian pathways and connections, and moveable seating and canopies would be provided in multiple locations throughout the project site. Small group study areas and laundry facilities would be located in each building, and a few staff offices would be located within the project as well.

SATELLITE UTILITIES PLANT

The proposed project is located in the School of Medicine neighborhood and would provide support to existing and future facilities by expanding the campus’ emergency power system capabilities through the installation of backup generators and associated electric switchgear. In addition, to accommodate the campus’ increased demand for chilled water (used to cool buildings and equipment), the project would install chillers and associated cooling towers.

The project scope includes construction of an approximately 20,100-square foot (sf) one-story utility building with an approximately 15,000-sf screened yard area. The building would contain generators, electrical switchgear, and chillers and pumps to supply emergency and standby power and chilled water to facilities within the School of Medicine. The screened yard area would contain cooling towers to support the chillers.

NEWS

2015 COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND

The majority of UC San Diego's commencement ceremonies will take place June 13-14, 2015.

UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE INFORMATION

The newsletter, together with project information sheets and an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Physical and Community Planning website at http://physicalplanning.ucsd.edu Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

UCSD NEWS

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