Update for Community Groups – July 2009

Please note the underlined text in the electronic version of this update contains active links that provide additional information on the subject matter.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

**HEALTH SCIENCES BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITY 2 PROJECT**

The Notice of Completion (NOC) and public review period on the project Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) extends to July 19, 2009.

No public hearing for this project since it is an MND.

Draft MND is posted on UCSD Community Planning website [http://commplan.ucsd.edu](http://commplan.ucsd.edu)

The project is proposed to provide approximately 148,350 to 183,850 gross square feet (GSF) of space for key instruction and research programs, with the size range depending on available funding. The building would provide new wet research laboratories, laboratory support space, core labs and offices in the School of Medicine and would incorporate faculty from several departments and schools, including Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Ophthalmology, Neurosciences and Cellular and Molecular Medicine.

PROJECTS

**SANFORD CONSORTIUM FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE (SCRM)**

Serving as a hub of innovative multidisciplinary programs that will advance stem cell research and education, this non-profit, public benefit corporation formed by the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, the Scripps Research Institute, and UC San Diego comprises 135,000 gross square feet. Located west of North Torrey Pines Road and adjacent to the Torrey Pines Gliderport the building will house core facilities of a quality and scope more substantial than could be supported by any SDCRM member alone including robotics, disease modeling, imaging, and protein and nucleic acid facilities. Construction has started on the project and is slated for completion in December 2010.

**MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION & MODELING (MESOM) LABORATORY**

Proposed to be located in the SIO Hillside Neighborhood this 30,200 gross square feet project will construct space for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The project will facilitate coordination of interrelated marine ecosystem research from various disciplines in one centralized location.

The project is currently in the Preliminary Design Phase.

NEWS

**UCSD COMMUNITY PLANNING WEBSITE INFORMATION**

The Newsletter and Project information sheets along with an interactive map of campus projects are now available on the UCSD Community Planning website [http://commplan.ucsd.edu](http://commplan.ucsd.edu) Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on building projects in the planning or construction phase; or recently completed.
**SUPERLOOP**

The launch of the SANDAG/MTS SuperLoop, a new circulator transit route providing frequent, higher speed transit service and upgraded transit station and vehicle amenities within the North University City area of San Diego occurred on Monday, June 15. Operating with low-emission technology, this type of smooth riding vehicle meets all clean-air standards and incorporates traffic priority features allowing the vehicles to move through traffic more rapidly than traditional transit vehicles. The route provides a 10 minute frequency of service at peak hours and 15 minute frequency of service at non-peak hours. Additional information on the project can be found at the SANDAG website ([http://sandag.org/](http://sandag.org/)).

**UCSD NEWS**

For UCSD News see [http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/](http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/)

**UC SAN DIEGO COMMUTERS SET NEW RECORDS IN ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION**

More than half of the commuters to UC San Diego’s La Jolla campus (54%) and Hillcrest Medical Center are using alternatives to single-occupant vehicles.

Brian d’Autremont, Transportation Services director, predicted “In the future, we will achieve even greater success and continued public sustainability support when we begin operating America’s first fast-charging electric buses.”

“We are ecstatic that 32,460 UC San Diego commuters are using alternative transportation on a daily basis to get to and from the La Jolla and Hillcrest locations,” said Sam Corbett, Transportation Services assistant director. “This clearly demonstrates that the university’s strong commitment to sustainability is significantly reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions throughout the region. In fact, our alternative transportation programs offset an estimated 18,972 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.”

Highlights of the 2009 survey of pedestrian and vehicular traffic include:

- On an average day, 28,399 people entered the UC San Diego La Jolla campus via alternative transportation.
- Public transit use has seen a 186 percent increase, from 1,295 riders in 2006 to 3,708 riders in 2009.
- Campus shuttle ridership increased by 15 percent from 5,163 daily riders in 2008 to 5,951 riders in 2009.
- Average daily bicycling increased from 802 riders in 2007 to 1,412 riders in 2008, a 76 percent increase.