

**CAMPUS/COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of June 21, 2018 Meeting**

**Present**

Adrian Borsa  
Tawnee Gomez (for T. Cameron)  
Ken Hall  
Sophia Hirakis  
Russ King  
Randy Leopold  
Keith Pezzoli  
Marlene Shaver  
Charles Sprenger  
Cristy Winter

**Absent**

Matthew Arrollado  
Neal Devraj  
Ramona Ferreira  
Lesly Figueroa  
John Hughes  
Shirley Meng (Co-Chair)  
Frank Silva  
Rand Steiger  
Tal Golan  
David Traver  
Joel Watson

**Campus Planning Staff**

Robert Clossin, Director  
Ginger Stout, Associate Planner

**Guests/Consultants**

Dave Weil, Resource Management and Planning  
Nicole Cheng, Capital Program Management

**Business Item: Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from May 17, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

**Informational Item and Potential Action: I-5 Switching Station Site Evaluation**

Ginger Stout presented the I-5 Station Site Evaluation and explained that a new 12kV electrical switching station is proposed north of Voigt Drive in the northeast portion of the P510 surface parking lot, west of I-5. The switching station will be served from the existing Campus co-generator system and from SDG&E via the East Campus main substation. The construction budget is estimated to be \$12M. The project would include new electrical switch equipment housed in an approximately 3,800 square foot enclosed building, an underground distribution system, and modification to existing equipment, if required. Two additional locations were evaluated to house the switching station: the planted area near the I-5 freeway right-of-way and Warren Field. The first is an area proposed for the future Gilman Drive expansion, and the second is the stormwater runoff area and athlete staging area; therefore, both were found not to be ideal locations. The current location of the proposed switching station is occupied by shrubs along a slope towards the sidewalk along Greenhouse Lane. The building would be built into the slope to reduce visibility from Voigt Drive and to be accessible from Greenhouse Lane. The project impact area is approximately 2.4 acres. The surface parking lot would likely require restriping and regrading to accommodate access to the new building. The project location is consistent with the General Land Use category in both the 2004 and 2018 LRDP's. The project would be consistent with the 1989 Master Plan and care will be taken to retain the rustic plantings and setbacks along the Loop Road (Voigt Drive).

The Committee inquired about the expected duration of construction and closure of the parking lot, and Nicole Cheng said half the lot would close during the 15 months of construction. Cheng also mentioned the lot will be restriped to maximize the number of parking spaces available. The project will be funded through campus funds

and construction is anticipated to begin in fall of 2020. Cheng mentioned the switching station needs to be placed near the Voigt Bridge for future improvements across to East Campus. Sophia Hirkis inquired about the traffic impacts to the site and Cheng explained it is unknown at this time, but construction might be done on weekends and at night to mitigate impacts. An alternative, or possibly in concert with, one lane of Voigt Drive may be closed during construction. Clossin mentioned the Gilman Bridge will be open by that time to help facilitate cross-campus access. Hirkis asked how many spaces are in lot P510. Cheng responded that there are currently 206 spaces and through restriping the fewest number of spaces as possible would be removed during construction. Marlene Shaver brought up parking impacts as a major concern with any project on campus, and asked if construction staging could be somewhere other than the surface lot. Cheng responded that she will look into alternatives. Charles Sprenger inquired as to how the size and capacity of the building and switching station are determined, and Cheng explained that the program identified in the LRDP update and future projects drive the need. As of now, the campus is dependent on SDG&E because the cogeneration plant does not have the capacity to meet the needs of the entire campus. Clossin said the cogeneration plant will go offline at a future point as the natural gas required to run such a plant is a non-renewable resource.

Adrian Borsa thought the previously grassy area used for LRT construction should be converted into additional parking. He requested thought be given to creating some 20-minute parking spaces in lot P510 for pick-up/drop-off at Canyonview Pool. Hirkis asked that project information signage be provided on site prior to construction starting, so people who use the area can better prepare ahead of time. Cristy Winter commented on the need for technology to let users know if a particular parking lot has spaces available. Sprenger asked about any other component of the project that the committee should be aware of, and Cheng replied that there will be no noise or smoke emitted from the completed switching station, and the stairs from Greenhouse Lane to P510 will remain open. Russ King inquired about ADA access and Cheng explained there is a ramp that leads down from P510 to the Campus Services Center which will remain open.

The Committee endorsed the site, with the recommendation from Hirkis to examine using the existing slope as staging area in lieu of removing parking spaces.

**Action Item: 2018 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)**

Robert Clossin reminded the Committee that the draft LRDP was distributed along with a table showing the Committee's comments and how they were addressed in the latest draft. He also noted the endorsements given by those Committee members not in attendance.

The Committee unanimously endorsed the document.

The next steps are to take the LRDP to the Regents meeting in July as a discussion item, then a 45 day public review period for the LRDP EIR, in the middle of which will be a public hearing. The LRDP is expected to go back to the Regents in September for approval.

This item concluded the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginger Stout  
Associate Planner