

# Kentfield Planning Advisory Board

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Re: COM NAC DEIR

Dear Ms. Lowe:

The Kentfield Planning Advisory Board (KPAB) is appointed by the County of Marin to make recommendations to the County on land use issues and public works projects in the planning area of unincorporated Kentfield and Greenbrae. As such KPAB members have monitored activities at the college for many years, and recently reviewed the New Academic Center DEIR at a meeting which was attended by a number of community residents who discussed their concerns about the project. The KPAB supports the campus modernization and the proposed New Academic Center but have a few comments reflecting resident concerns.

During the preceding construction phase, vehicles often arrived at the campus prior to the authorized start time. Their entry to the construction site was on Laurel Avenue, which is also the sole entry and exit route for residents of the Granton Park cul de sac neighborhood. The early arrival and wait time created unreasonable noise for neighbors, and trucks stacked up at the bottom on the street waiting to enter the campus, preventing neighbors from using the street. Laurel Avenue also does not have a turnaround space and is not equipped to handle this volume and type of traffic. The project proposes using Laurel again for work on the NAC and this would create a significant impact for this neighborhood.

We request that the EIR evaluate alternative routes for construction vehicles with Marin County's Department of Public Works to avoid the use of Laurel Avenue. These could include:

1. Entering and exiting the construction site through the Taqueria lot; using the current Circle Drive exit to enter the site;
2. Creating an access to construction that enters near the College/SFD corner through the Taqueria lot and exits via Circle Drive;
3. A temporary entrance to Circle Drive across the existing lawn where Clark construction equipment is currently located (may require creating a temporary left turn pocket in a new location on SFD).

To help alleviate construction traffic and circulation impacts, we request that you also consider the following measures:

1. Addition of enforceable contractor penalties for not following the defined construction plan;
2. Posting a flagman to help manage traffic during peak construction traffic;
3. Good signage throughout the area on what to expect, especially during the summer demolition;
4. A staging area for trucks so they don't idle in nearby streets when they arrive early or have to wait to access the site. For example, consider 1) one of the school parking lots used for staging during construction for trucks arriving early or 2) rerouting arriving trucks through Bon Air Road if necessary to get to a staging location.

We are also concerned that care is taken to provide sufficient irrigation and suitable nutrients to get the new trees well established. They are not all native to this area and may have differing needs in order to thrive.

Residents have expressed support for retaining some historic architectural elements of the old campus buildings in the modernization. Some of these issues are discussed in the DEIR. We urge the design team to find ways to incorporate historic features into the new structure and/or landscaping on the campus.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Yours truly,



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