



Development Opportunity Overview

Consistent with the College of the Desert Facilities Master Plan, the District will proceed with capital development of its ***Palm Springs Development Project*** (Project) in phases, anchored by Signature Programs.

New facilities will provide a **regional workforce innovation center** that will educate and train students for 21st century jobs and careers. The Project will provide a collaborative, living and learning environment featuring a variety of teaching and learning opportunities.

A center of **innovation and collaboration**, the Project will offer continuing and custom education responsive to all ages. Collaborations with local, regional and national partners will expand offerings and opportunities for students as well as expand and extend the reach and impact of District programs and services. International education programs will be included.

The **first phase of development** will focus on initial major site development and infrastructure, maker space, and two signature programs: A) Hospitality & Tourism (including instructional Hotel, Restaurant, Culinary Kitchen and Event Space) and B) Digital Media (Digital Story Telling, Film, Radio and Television).

The **second phase of development** will focus on a Center of Excellence for Healthcare Education (Healthcare Workforce Training, Wellness, Fitness, and Nutrition); and Sustainability (Preservation, Energy Systems).

Delivery of facilities will be aligned with District priorities.

Innovative spaces are planned with **open and flexible environments** including experiential labs, student commons, special event space, maker space and a high-tech digital accelerator space that will enhance student success.

The Project will embody a **sustainable campus philosophy** that can feature best practice technologies, energy production, energy management and monitoring and stewardship of scarce resources. It is further anticipated that sustainability will also inform the curriculum, practical learning and work experience, and be a demonstrable feature of the new Palm Springs site. Concepts include an integrated mobility hub to accommodate a range of pedestrian, bike, bus, electric and shared vehicles integrated with local and regional transportation networks.

Facilities and open spaces will be **welcoming, safe and accessible**. A detailed site development plan and consideration of innovative project delivery methods and financing are under way. The Project will make use of Measure CC Bond funding and other resources for special programs, activities, and facilities.

A Site Development Planner and a Program Master Architect are on board as of Fall 2019 to create site plans, project design standards, and the basis of design for the first phase of the Palm Springs Development project. Completion of the first set of improvements for public use is planned for as early as December 2022, with remaining phases of development becoming available in 2023. The first classes could begin on the permanent campus as early as 2023.



The Palm Springs project will be located on the Northwest corner of the intersection of S. Farrell Drive and E. Baristo Rd. in Palm Springs, CA. The site encompasses approximately 27 acres and was formerly occupied by a commercial mall, which has been demolished.

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