

FAQ for the COD Palm Springs Campus

When will construction start? How will it be phased?

The College will immediately begin work to finalize facility planning and design for the first phase of development. We expect to receive Division of the State Architect approval in Fall 2019 for Hospitality and Culinary Arts and Film and Media Arts. Construction for these projects is projected to be completed in Spring 2022.

Projections call for Healthcare and Sustainable Technologies facility planning and design approval from the Division of the State Architect in Fall 2020. Estimated completion dates for these projects are Fall 2022 through Spring 2023.

When will the permanent campus open?

The permanent campus is expected to open following completion of the first phase of construction, as early as 2021.

Subsequent phases, including the Hospitality and Film and Media Arts, Healthcare and Sustainable Technologies will open in 2022 and 2023.

What is the total budget for the Palm Springs Campus?

The total estimated budget is \$240 million. Approximately \$200 million from Measure CC and about \$40 million from Measure B.

There has been about \$5.5 million in Measure B Bond Funds invested to date. Any potential disposition of the existing site would go to offset those costs and be available for reinvestment into the new campus site and project.

What will happen to existing tenants?

The College is currently working with the existing tenants to assist in transition to a new site.

How/Is the Camelot Theatres impacted?

The Camelot Theatres is not being acquired and the College will continue to explore partnership opportunities that are complimentary to the theater and the College.

What happens to the temporary Palm Springs campus?

College of the Desert leases 4.15 acres owned by Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) at 1300 E. Baristo Road, Palm Springs. The campus site is located on a parcel of Palm Springs Unified School District land that was previously used for a Riverside County Office of Education community education program site and is less than half a mile from the permanent Palm Springs Campus. The term of the lease is three years, with options to renew.



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