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STUDENT HOUSING SOUTH PROJECT, Q & A

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1. What is Student Housing South?

Cal Poly's Student Housing South project will add 1,475 new beds to the university's on-campus housing stock, specifically for freshman students. The project will be constructed near Cal Poly's Grand Avenue entrance, across the street from the university's existing freshman residence halls.

2. When will construction start on the project? How long is it expected to last, and when is the new complex expected to open?

Construction is scheduled to start in late September 2015, shortly after the start of the fall quarter. Student Housing South is scheduled to open in fall quarter 2018.

3. What is the project's cost?

The total cost of the project is \$198 million.

4. What does the project entail? How many new beds will it supply? How many parking spaces will be included? And what other features and amenities will be included?

- The project will provide 1,475 beds in 696 rooms, in a total of seven buildings. Small amounts of retail, community and office space will also be included.
- There will be about 436,139 total square feet of housing, retail and office/work space.
- The parking structure will accommodate an estimated 492 automobiles in about 154,363 square feet.
- There will be about 872 bicycle parking spaces.
- The project will include a sidewalk along Slack Street between Grand Avenue and the G-2 parking lot along Longview Lane. It will continue towards campus between the G-2 parking lot and track field. As well, a pathway through the complex will be extended to connect with Mustang Way in the heart of campus.
- There will be outdoor open spaces and walking paths for activities, recreation and leisure.
- The project also will include a solar energy system and will be guaranteed LEED certified, highlighting Cal Poly's commitment to sustainability.

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5. What will the university's total housing capacity be after Student Housing South is complete?

With the addition of Student Housing South, Cal Poly's university housing capacity will be about 8,000 beds. This will allow the university to house about 40 percent of its student body on campus.

6. What is on the project site now?

Student Housing South is being built near Cal Poly's Grand Avenue entrance on an approximately 12-acre site that currently hosts two large, underutilized surface parking lots. The site will cluster new freshman housing with existing freshman residence halls (which are located across Grand Avenue) and will keep student residents in close proximity to dining and other necessary university services.

7. How will construction impact the Grand Avenue campus entrance? Can I still come to campus via Grand Avenue? Where can I park?

The Grand Avenue entrance to campus will remain open through spring quarter 2016. There will be times during summer 2016 when Grand Avenue could be closed. The university will inform the campus and community well in advance of such closures. Visitors can use general parking spaces within the Grand Avenue parking structure, as well as other parking lots throughout campus. Visit www.maps.calpoly.edu for campus maps showing parking facilities throughout campus or www.parking.calpoly.edu for more information about parking and commuter services.

8. Will construction have any impacts on the neighborhoods just outside campus?

It is possible that neighborhoods near campus may experience occasional impacts from construction — for example, elevated noise levels or occasional traffic increases. Community members are encouraged to visit Facilities Planning and Capital Projects' web site for more information at https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/project_news.asp.

9. What is the aim of Student Housing South? Why is the university building it right now?

The demand for university housing far exceeds Cal Poly's current capacity. A recent market study indicates that demand exists for about 10,000 beds in university housing at Cal Poly's current enrollment of about 20,500 students.

On-campus housing is also good for our students. Cal Poly is focused on providing the foundation for student success. Research has shown that students who live on campus their first two years stay in school and graduate at a higher rate.

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10. Does Cal Poly have plans to build additional student housing, beyond Student Housing South?

Cal Poly's long-term plans include having capacity in university housing to accommodate about 65 percent of all undergraduate students. Several thousand additional beds will need to be built in order to reach this goal. The university is now engaged in a multi-year process to update its facilities master plan — the document that guides physical development over the campus for the next two decades. Possible sites for additional student, employee and other associated university housing are being identified in that master plan update. For more information, visit masterplan.calpoly.edu.