

STEM Education Center Update

Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee June 10, 2025

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Site Plan





Project Milestones 2011-2017

August 2011	STEM School opens at Central MS for fifth and sixth graders
August 2013	STEM School relocates to the former Hyatt ES campus and adds high school program
2014	Discussions with UCR to move STEM High School onto UCR campus
2015	RUSD and UCR sign partnership MOU
2016/2017	STEM Center Design Team and Areas of Study Work Group established
November 2016	Measure O general obligation bond approved by voters
March 2017	Board session: prioritization of STEM Center and update regarding "Lot 13" site
May 2017	Areas of study and program elements defined
July 2017	RUSD and UCR sign Term Lease agreement and agree to move the site from "Lot 13" to "Iowa Site"
August 2017	Planning and due diligence for "Lot 13" and "Iowa Site"
November 2017	Project moved from "Iowa Site" to "Watkins Site"
2017	Planning and due diligence for "Watkins Site"



Project Milestones 2018-2021

March 2018	Measure O and STEM project update presented to Board
August 2018	STEM design and cost estimate update presented to Board
2018	UCR Community Meetings No. 1 and No. 2 regarding "Watkins Site"
2018	UCR Design Review Board considers project
August 2019	UCR Community Meeting No. 1 regarding "Blaine Site"
December 2019	Update to Board regarding STEM project and community engagement outcomes
May 2020	Update to Board regarding project priorities and cashflow
April 2021	UCR Community Meeting No. 2 regarding "Blaine Site"
May 2021	California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process begins
July 2021	Ground Lease Term Sheet amended by RUSD and UCR



Project Milestones 2022-2025

January 2022	STEM project update presented to Board
March 2022	Environmental Impact Report (EIR) scoping meeting held regarding "Blaine Site"
August 2022	Original estimated CEQA completion
February 2023	City of Riverside Planning Commission: General Plan conformity approved
March 2023	RUSD community outreach
April-September 2023	California Department of Education (CDE) preliminary site approval
March 2024	Draft EIR public hearing
April-December 2024	Draft EIR responses to public hearing and public comments





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