

New southwest entry to UCSD opened May 23

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A new southwest entry to the University of California, San Diego, will be opened Thursday (May 23), as two nearby entrances are closed.

Traffic lights installed at the new intersection of North Torrey Pines Road and the just-completed Aquarium access road will begin operating as barricades go up on the former Revelle campus entrances--one at the North Torrey Pines Road/La Jolla Village Drive intersection and the other an unsignalized entry at parking lot No. 102.

These former entrances will remain permanently closed as work continues on the Revelle Loop Road project, designed to encircle the UCSD west campus and allow visitors and members of the campus community, once on the campus, to access any part of the west area without going onto surrounding public streets.

The new four-lane divided entry includes a future campus information directory which will be located near the Mandell Weiss Theatre.

Construction on the second step of the Revelle Loop Road is scheduled to begin near the end of June, 1991, and be completed by December of 1991. This portion of the project will connect the La Jolla Shores entrance to the new signalized entry to the south, enabling campus traffic to travel north and south between Muir and Revelle without using North Torrey Pines Road.

Construction of the new loop road will result in the reconfiguration of parking lot 102, with less parking spaces available during the construction work.

In another construction project to begin in late June, a new road will be built from Gilman Drive to the front of Mandeville Center. The Mandeville Access Road is necessary, according to officials of Facilities Design and Construction, to accommodate the closure of Hutchinson Road which will occur with the development of the University Court and Library Walk projects. The road will provide a drop-off loop for patrons of the Mandeville Center, a benefit for elderly and handicapped persons, and also allow access to the Health Services facility.

The Mandeville Access Road project will require the removal of some eucalyptus trees; other new trees will be added to infill the existing grove. The new trees will be irrigated and maintained, resulting in healthier, more vigorous specimens than many of the existing trees, officials noted.

Construction on this project is planned during the summer and will end approximately in mid-September, thereby reducing school year disruption of campus operations.

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