

High-tech center would bring new road to UCSC

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SANTA CRUZ — UCSC's proposed high-tech center will bring a major road north of the city to the campus and 535 houses for the center's work force and faculty members and students.

In a "project description" released today by the university, UCSC is going to call on county government to fulfill its 1961 contract to build an eastern access road.

The road would make the eastern access the primary entrance onto campus.

As planned, the high-tech center will hire 2,000 workers in the seven-10 years the complex will take to build out: 600 will work on assembly lines, 600 in administration and 800 in research.

The buildings, whatever number will be built, will cover about the same area as eight super markets.

According to planning guidelines,

the height "will be considered in relationship to tree coverage."

University Chancellor Robert Sinshiemer proposed the a "research and development center" to bring in money to replace an on-going \$2 million shortfall UCSC is facing each year.

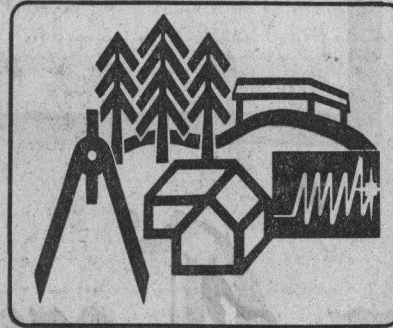
Since the university is a state agency, it doesn't have to get local government — city and county — approval of its plans.

Along with having a contract IOU against the county, it also has been promised by the city that it will bring sewer and water services to the campus' doorstep.

That has city councilmembers worried, since the sewer lines along Bay Street and Western Drive are inadequate to take care of the new park and additional housing.

Councilman Michael Rotkin said it could amount to a \$6 million bill for sewer pipes to the city.

At tonight's City Council meeting, the board is considering a request from



Santa Cruz Action Network to allow a vote on the high-tech center.

Voters in November would get a chance to direct the council to ask the university to bow to local planning control and also — as a protective device — to ask state legislators to withhold building funds until it does.

The council has until July 12 whether to put the issue on the ballot.

The report says of the university "our most potent economic resource is

land" and estimates that by 1990, a high-tech park would bring in from \$16-19. million"

In choosing a site, the university looked around its encircling open spaces and determined that 75 acres adjacent to Crown College at its north would be the best place for a computer research and assembly park.

The location is out of the sight of the rest of campus and Santa Cruz townsmen, it is the cheapest to prepare for development (\$53,000 an acre) and it will have a new and more direct route.

The house would be built just south of the existing main campus entrance, on the open land that runs westward.

That spot was considered for the high-tech park, but was passed over when neighborhood and town reaction was more carefully read by the university.

UCSC will set up a design review committee which would include univer-

sity staff, a local architect, contractor, landscape architect; some people from the campus land use policy committee and a consulting architect.

It doesn't appear any city or county planning people will be on the committee.

The buildings have to be of permanent material, well designed with all the little roof pipes hidden.

Concerning radioactive materials, "any operation requiring licensing by the California State Health Services shall also require written approval of the UCSC Office of Environmental Health and Safety."

Concerning animals: "Tenant shall not keep livestock, poultry, or other animals except as required for research and development and for testing laboratories."

SCAN's proposal for an initiative election is set for hearing at the 7:30 p.m. session tonight. The council meets in chamber at City Hall.