

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report University of California, Davis Sacramento Campus 2020 Long Range Development Plan Update

In accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the University of California, Davis (UC Davis) has released for public review a Notice of Preparation (NOP) to solicit comments on the scope of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the 2020 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Update, which will propose general types of campus development and land uses to support projected on-campus population growth and enable expanded and new program initiatives. The NOP is intended to satisfy the requirements of CEQA (Public Resources Code [PRC], Division 13, Sections 21000–21177) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Sections 15000–15387).

Project Location: The UC Davis Sacramento Campus is located off U.S. 50 near the Highway 99/Business 80 interchange in the city of Sacramento. The Sacramento Campus consists of approximately 150 acres and houses UC Davis Health (UCDH), which includes the UC Davis Medical Center, UC Davis School of Medicine, extensive research facilities, outpatient clinics, support facilities, and the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, as well as the UC Davis Graduate School of Management's Sacramento Master in Business Administration program. UCDH includes a 625-bed teaching hospital, a National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, and a nationally ranked children's hospital. In 2018–2019, UC Davis Medical Center had over 34,000 inpatient admissions, over 80,000 emergency room visits, and over 900,000 clinic/office visits.

Project Overview: The UC Davis 2020 LRDP Update will propose a land use plan to support projected growth predominantly through redevelopment of existing facilities and construction on previously developed land. UC Davis anticipates that, under the 2020 LRDP Update, the on-campus population could grow to include approximately 19,700 people and 6.5 million square feet of building space. To accommodate the increased population, the 2020 LRDP Update will propose facility renewal; improved seismic safety, including demolition of certain existing hospital facilities; and construction of new additional building space. The 2020 LRDP Update will not include planning or growth for UC Davis facilities outside of the UC Davis Sacramento Campus, such as the UC Davis Main Campus, the Tahoe Environmental Research Center, or the Bodega Marine Laboratory. The 2020 LRDP Update will propose to place approximately 600 people in new housing. In addition to analyzing the potential programmatic impacts of campus growth under the 2020 LRDP Update, the 2020 LRDP Update SEIR will address the project-specific environmental effects associated with constructing the proposed Aggie Square Phase 1 project and a seismic safety project to construct a Replacement Hospital Tower.

Environmental Effects: The University of California will be the lead agency under CEQA (PRC Section 21000 et seq.) and will prepare an SEIR for the 2020 LRDP Update as required by PRC Sections 21080.09 and 21116. The SEIR will function as a program EIR (pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15168) that can be used in the environmental review of subsequent campus development projects during implementation of the 2020 LRDP Update. In addition to analyzing the potential impacts of incremental campus growth under the 2020 LRDP Update, the SEIR will also provide a project-specific analysis of the potential environmental effects associated with the Aggie Square Phase 1 project and the Replacement Hospital Tower project. UC Davis has determined that an SEIR will be required for the 2020 LRDP Update, and when the decision to prepare an EIR has already been made, CEQA states that an initial study is not required. As such, an initial study has not been prepared. This NOP has been prepared pursuant to Sections 15082 and 15083 of the CEQA Guidelines.

UC Davis requests input regarding the scope and content for the draft SEIR that is relevant to your agency's statutory/regulatory responsibilities or is of interest to individuals to ascertain potential environmental impacts of the project. The NOP comment period extends from February 7, 2020 to March 10, 2020.

Where to Review the NOP: The NOP is available for review at the following locations.

Online: <https://environmentalplanning.ucdavis.edu/uc-davis-sacramento-campus-2020-lrdp-update>

Public Review Copies:

- UC Davis Health Center, Facilities Design and Construction, 4800 Second Avenue, Suite 3010, Sacramento, CA 958178.
- Sacramento Colonial Heights Library, 4799 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95820.
- UC Davis Office of Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability in 436 Mrak Hall on the UC Davis campus, Davis, CA 95616.
- Reserves at Shields Library on the UC Davis campus, Davis, CA 95616.

Comment Opportunities: Formal comments regarding the NOP may be submitted in writing via mail or email during the NOP comment period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the NOP and the scope and content of the upcoming draft SEIR should be submitted no later than **March 10, 2020 at 5:00 pm**. Comments should be submitted to:

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Open House: UC Davis will also conduct a scoping session during the NOP review period. The objective of the session is to brief interested parties on the scope of the 2020 LRDP and obtain the views of agency representatives and the public on the scope and content of the SEIR and potentially significant environmental impacts related to the project. The open house session will be held Wednesday, February 26 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm at Aggie Square Headquarters at 2270 Stockton Boulevard, Sacramento, California 95817. At the scoping session, project information can be discussed with UC Davis staff, and written NOP comments will also be accepted.