UC SANTA CRUZ
LONG RANGE
DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Notice of Preparation
Scoping Sessions

March 12, 2020  I  12-2pm
March 12, 2020  I  6-8pm
Public Scoping Session Purpose

• Provide information on the UC Santa Cruz Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)
• Provide an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and scoping
• Receive comments from members of the public, organizations, and interested public agencies on the issues the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) should address
Sites in this LRDP

Residential Campus
  • ~2,000 acres
  • Adjacent to the west side of Santa Cruz, substantially surrounded by open space and park areas.

Westside Research Park
  • ~18.5 acres
  • Includes former Texas Instruments building, currently used for research
  • Located on the Westside near the Coastal Science Campus
Planning Considerations

Academic Evolution and Maturity

• **Support college structure** and relationship to academics
• Support **research growth**
• Improve quality and availability of **teaching and research space**
• Right-size faculty, staff, and support spaces throughout campus

Sustainability and Resilience

• Model sustainability and resilience leadership within the region through teaching and operations
• Develop disaster resilience strategies for fire, earthquake, and other hazards
• Meet or exceed **state and UC system goals** for energy, water, and carbon
• Minimize increase in water use on campus

Student Success

• **Support a diverse student body**, including first time college students and regional underserved communities
• **Address basic needs** such as affordable housing and food security
• Provide appropriate **housing types** to support the student experience
• Create an environment of equity and inclusion

Physical Campus Functionality

• Enhance circulation infrastructure to improve accessibility to / from all parts of campus
• Encourage **efficient use of land** and buildings
• Steward **ecological, teaching, and cultural assets**
Proposed Land Use Strategies

Strategy #1
Compact academic core

Strategy #2
Adjacent ring of student housing

Strategy #3
Improved, more efficient roadway network with peripheral parking.

Strategy #4
Enhanced shuttle, pedestrian, and bicycle network to and throughout campus

Strategy #5
Designated reserve areas for ecological, cultural, and educational resources

Strategy #6
Additional employee housing located with access to community resources

Strategy #7
Enhanced historic district with improved community interface

Strategy #8
Westside Research Park with mixed academic, research, and housing uses
Draft Land Use Map

- Proposed Student Population: 28,000
- Proposed Employee Population: 5,000

Westside Research Park at 2300 Delaware
CEQA Overview

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies to:

- Evaluate a project’s potential physical effect on the environment
  - Environment equals physical conditions (air, water, biology, climate change, noise, historic buildings, etc.)
- Provide an opportunity for public involvement and disclosure
- Prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), if project has potential to result in a significant impact
  - A significant impact is a substantial and adverse change in the physical environment

UC Santa Cruz will prepare an EIR for the LRDP
Environmental Impact Report

An informational document

- Discloses information about a project’s environmental effects
- Identifies mitigation measures to reduce significant effects, where feasible
- Evaluates feasible alternatives to the proposed project and their environmental effects

Program-level EIR

- Appropriate when a “CEQA project” consists of a plan with planning criteria
- Can be used to tier the environmental review of subsequent campus development projects

Legal requirement

- Adequacy of EIR must be certified by UC prior to considering whether LRDP should be approved
The EIR Process

1. Issuance of Notice of Preparation (NOP)
2. Adjust scope based on NOP comments and Prepare Draft EIR
3. Public Review/Comments on Draft EIR
4. Public Meetings (Santa Cruz)
5. UC Regents Consideration of EIR for Certification and Project Approval

Scoping Sessions

- Public Review/Comments on Scope of EIR
- Issuance of Draft EIR
- Prepare Responses to Comments and Final EIR
Environmental Issues to be Evaluated

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions/Climate Change
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire
Scoping Comments

Receive public comments on:

- Technical issues to address in the EIR
- Appropriate range of alternatives to evaluate in the EIR

Comments should focus on the potential physical environmental impacts of the proposed LRDP

- “The EIR should analyze___”
Submit Scoping Comments

The Scoping Comment Period has been extended for an additional 9 days.

An additional scoping session will be added the first week of April.

Submit comments by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8, 2020:

- Submit comments to be read during the scoping session.
- Mail comments by the deadline to:
  Erika Carpenter  
  Senior Environmental Planner  
  Physical Planning, Development, and Operations  
  University of California, Santa Cruz  
  1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064
- Email to: eircomment@ucsc.edu
- Subject line: “LRDP NOP Comments”
Thank you for attending!
Comments

• UCSC is standing by to receive any comments you may want to provide that will be included in the record of the public scoping meeting.

• Email comments to: eircomment@ucsc.edu