

NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the California State University, Northridge 2005 Master Plan Update

Proposed Project: California State University, Northridge has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed California State University, Northridge 2005 Master Plan. In order to help meet the projected demand for higher education in California, the proposed Master Plan would increase the campus' maximum enrollment capacity from 25,000 full time equivalent students (FTES) to 35,000. The Master Plan includes approximately 1.9 million gross square feet of new academic, administrative, and student support facilities, 600 faculty/staff housing units, 2688 new student dormitory bed spaces, a net increase of approx. 4500 parking spaces, and increased athletic instructional field acreage.

Significant Environmental Effects of Project: The DEIR concluded that the project will result in significant and unavoidable impacts on air quality, noise, traffic and public utilities. The project's impacts on aesthetics and hazards/hazardous materials were also found to be significant, but were mitigated to less than significant levels with mitigation measures identified in the DEIR.

Public Comment Period: Public comments on the DEIR will be accepted by California State University, Northridge, through December 29, 2005.

Public Hearing: California State University, Northridge will hold a public hearing on the Draft EIR at 6:30pm, Tuesday, November 29, 2005, on the California State University Northridge campus in the Presentation Room of the Oviatt Library.

Where to Find the DEIR: The DEIR is available for review in the Oviatt Library at California State University, Northridge, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330; in University Hall, Room 325; and at the Los Angeles Public Library, 9051 Darby Avenue, in Northridge. Documents referenced in the DEIR are also available at California State University, Northridge, University Hall, Room 325.

Address for Submitting Comments: Comments on the DEIR may be mailed to Colin Donahue, Director of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction, 18111 Nordhoff Street, Northridge, CA 91330-8219; sent via FAX to (818) 677-6552; or emailed to <u>colin.donahue@csun.edu</u>.

Hazardous Sites Listing: The project site is not on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

November 14, 2005

Colin Donahue Director of Facilities Planning, Design and Construction

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Mail to: State Clea	aringhouse, 1400 Tent	h Street, Sacramento,	CA 95814 916/445-0613		See NOTE below SCH # 2005051008	
Project Title:	niversity, Northridge	e 2005 Master Plan		5C11 # 2005051008		
Lead Agency: The Board of Trustees of the California State University Street Address: c/o California State University Northridge, Office of Facilities Planning, Design & Construction, 18111 Nordhoff Street Zip: 91330-8219 County: Los Angeles Contact Person: Colin Donahue, Director Phone: (818) 677-2561						
Project Location City/Nearest Community: Northridge County: Los Angeles City/Nearest Community: Northridge Cross Streets: Nordhoff Street and Zelzah Avenue Total Acres: 353 Assessor's Parcel No. Section: Twp Range: Base: Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 118 Waterways: Airports: Railways: Schools: Northridge Academy High School						
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Commercial: Industrial: X Educational	Sq.ft. <u> </u>	area to accommodate	Mining: Power: Waste Treatment:	Type	Watts	
Recreational			Hazardous Waste: Other:	Type		
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Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Use Public Facility (PF) Land Use/Public Facility Zone/University						

NOTE: Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g., from a Notice of Preparation or previous draft document), please fill it in.

Project Description

The proposed project is the adoption and subsequent implementation of the 2005 Master Plan Update (Master Plan) for the California State University, Northridge campus (CSUN or the University). The Master Plan is a comprehensive, coordinated series of proposals intended to configure and guide physical development of the CSUN campus over the next 30 years.

In May 2003, in response to projections of unprecedented demand for higher education enrollment, the CSU Board of Trustees directed each CSU campus to take necessary steps to accommodate a projected system-wide enrollment increase of 107,000 full-time equivalent students (FTEs) by 2011. CSUN currently has a maximum enrollment capacity of 25,000 FTEs. The Master Plan would increase that capacity to 35,000 FTEs in response to increased demand and enable CSUN to accommodate enrollment growth through a proposed program of physical improvements encompassing academic and administrative facilities; campus open space and landscaping; traffic and parking; housing; and student services. The Master Plan would permit the development of approximately 1.9 million gross square feet of additional academic, administrative and student support facilities to accommodate up to 10,000 additional Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) students. Additionally, the Master Plan project includes the development of 2,688 student beds and 600 faculty/staff dwelling units.

The EIR evaluates the Master Plan at a programmatic level and specific near-term Master Plan projects for which site-level detail is available at a project level. Sufficient detail exists for the following near-term Master Plan development projects to permit project-specific evaluation of potential environmental impacts in the EIR: a transit hub; two parking structures; a student housing administration building; a faculty offices/lecture hall facility; the Science 5 facility; two lecture/laboratory facilities; the student recreation center; two components of faculty/staff housing; and two components of student housing. CSUN has also developed sufficient detail for the Valley Performing Arts Center, originally evaluated at the program level in the 1998 Master Plan EIR, to enable project-specific evaluation of impacts.

Additional environmental review of Master Plan projects will be undertaken as needed during subsequent Master Plan implementation.

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Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)				
Starting Date <u>November 15, 2005</u>	Ending Date December 29, 2005			
Signature	Date			

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