December 6, 2019

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT – MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Parking Structure 1
Project Location: UC Riverside Campus
County: Riverside

Notice is hereby given that the University of California intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Parking Structure 1 project located on the University of California, Riverside (UCR) campus, in the University community of the City of Riverside. The site lies east of Interstate 215/State Route 60, in Riverside County, California. The approximately 7.5-acre project site encompasses the current Parking Lot 13, located at the eastern edge of the UCR campus, south of Big Springs Road and west of Valencia Hill Drive (see Figure 1 – Regional and Location Vicinity Map).

In accordance with the State California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and University of California (UC) Procedures for Implementation of CEQA, an Initial Study for the above named project has been prepared. The Initial Study tiers from the UC Riverside (UCR) 2005 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) Environmental Impact Report (EIR; November 2005) as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR (October 2011). Based upon the Tiered Initial Study, it has been determined that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate for this project.

UCR proposes to construct a four-level parking structure, approximately 27-foot high to the top of guard rail and 350,728-square-feet, with 1,079 spaces (Parking Structure 1). The project also includes the reconfiguration of the existing surface parking area, landscape and hardscape improvements, new pedestrian and bicycle pathways, and other site amenities (e.g., bicycle racks, benches) on the existing campus parking lot (Parking Lot 13).

The purpose of the proposed project is to accommodate parking needs of the existing campus population and the anticipated growth of student, faculty, and staff populations as analyzed in the LRDP EIR, as well as compensate for the loss of existing surface parking lots due to new major capital projects. The proposed project would result in a net increase of approximately 825 to 850 parking spaces within the project site. The project site is in an area designated as "Parking," which allows for the development of the proposed project. The project site is not identified on any lists of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to California Government Code Section 65962.5.

It has been determined that with incorporation of applicable LRDP Planning Strategies, Programs and Practices, and Mitigation Measures (MMs), as well as project-specific MMs, the proposed project would not result in any new significant impacts that are not examined in the UCR 2005 LRDP EIR as supplemented and updated by the UCR 2005 LRDP Amendment 2 EIR, and the project Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), or in a significant increase in the previously identified impacts. This letter is intended to serve as the Notice of Intent to Adopt for the project. The project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the Draft IS/MND. Copies of the Draft IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the address below. In addition, the Draft IS/MND is available for review on the web at**:**

https://ae.ucr.edu/environmental-planning-ceqa

Pursuant to CEQA, the 30-day public review period will extend from **December 6, 2019 through January 6, 2020.** Comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2020.** Submit your comments to CEQA@ucr.edu or send written comments to:

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Figure 1 – Regional and Location Vicinity Map

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