UCR Long Range Development Plan

Environmental Impact Report

July 29, 2020 Scoping Meeting

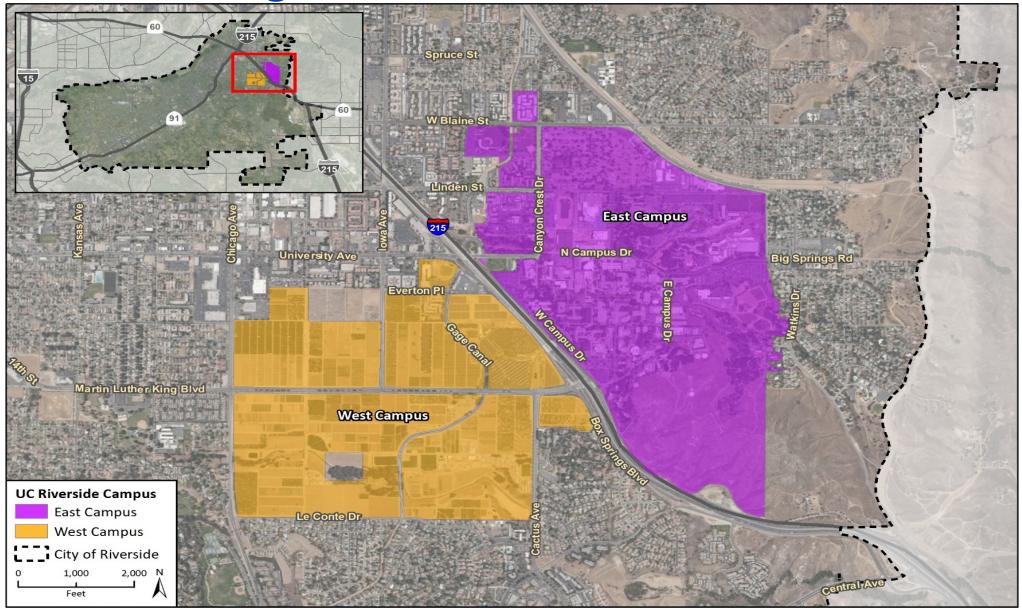


Agenda

- UCR Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)
 Overview
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 Overview
- LRDP Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process and Schedule
- Comments



UCR Planning Context







What is a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP)?

LRDP = is a comprehensive plan that guides physical development such as the general location of buildings, open space, circulation, and other land uses.



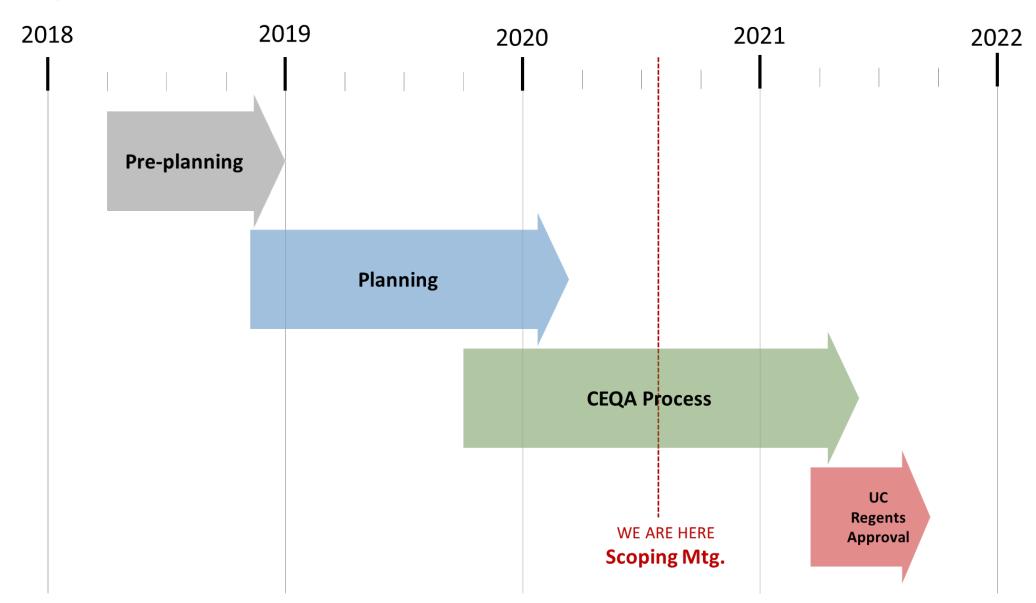


Why is a new LRDP needed?

- Campus student population is nearing the 2005 LRDP projected enrollment of 25,000 students.
- University is expected to continue to grow in population and space, which is subject to CEQA.
- Streamline the environmental review process for future campus development projects.
- Allow UCR to take advantage of state resources to support growth, when available.



2021 LRDP Timeline







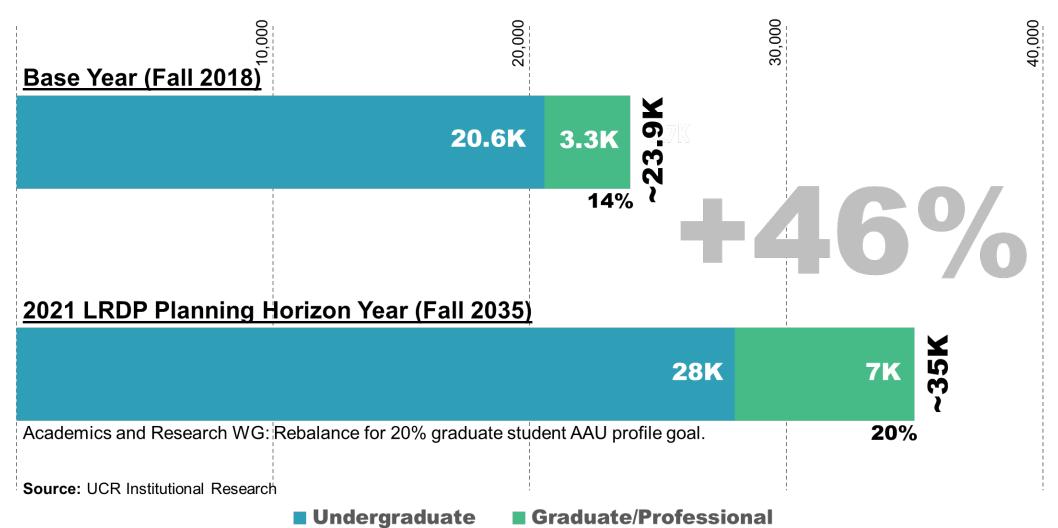
2021 LRDP Planning Parameters

- Accommodate approximately 35,000 students by 2035.
- House approximately 40% students oncampus.
- University has prioritized reserving West Campus land for agricultural research.
- Maintain East Campus as the heart of UCR's academic and research mission.



Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:

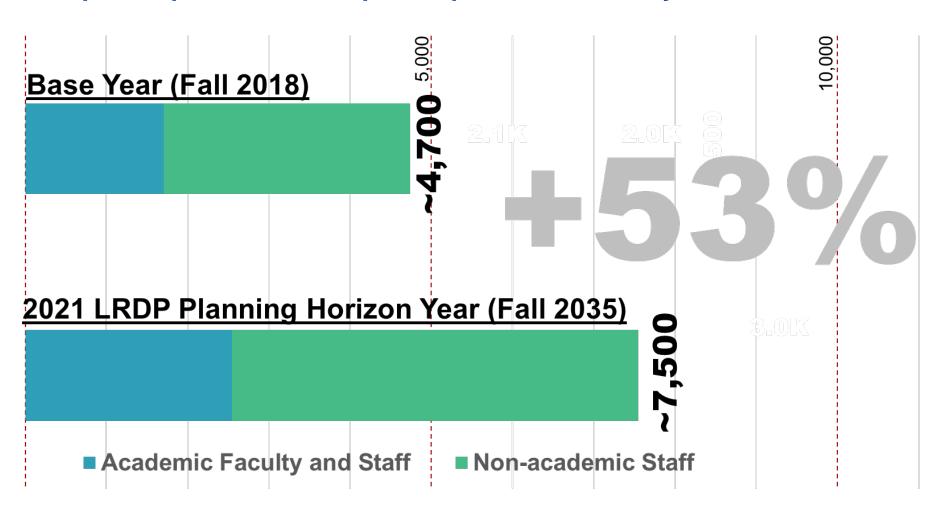
Campus Population – Student Enrollment





Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:

Campus Population – Campus Population – Faculty and Staff

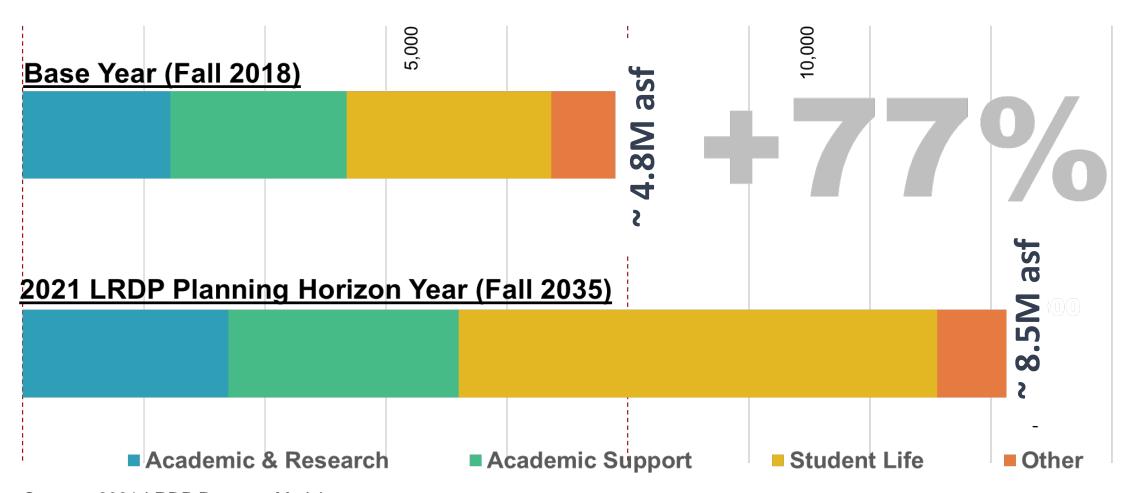


Source: UCR Institutional Research



Key 2021 LRDP Planning Input:

Campus Space



Source: 2021 LRDP Program Model



LEGEND: LAND USE DIAGRAM

ACADEMICS & RESEARCH

AGRICULTURAL/CAMPUS RESEARCH

LAND-BASED RESEARCH

CAMPUSSUPPORT

OPEN SPACERESERVE

UCRBOTANIC GARDENS

RECREATION & ATHLETICS

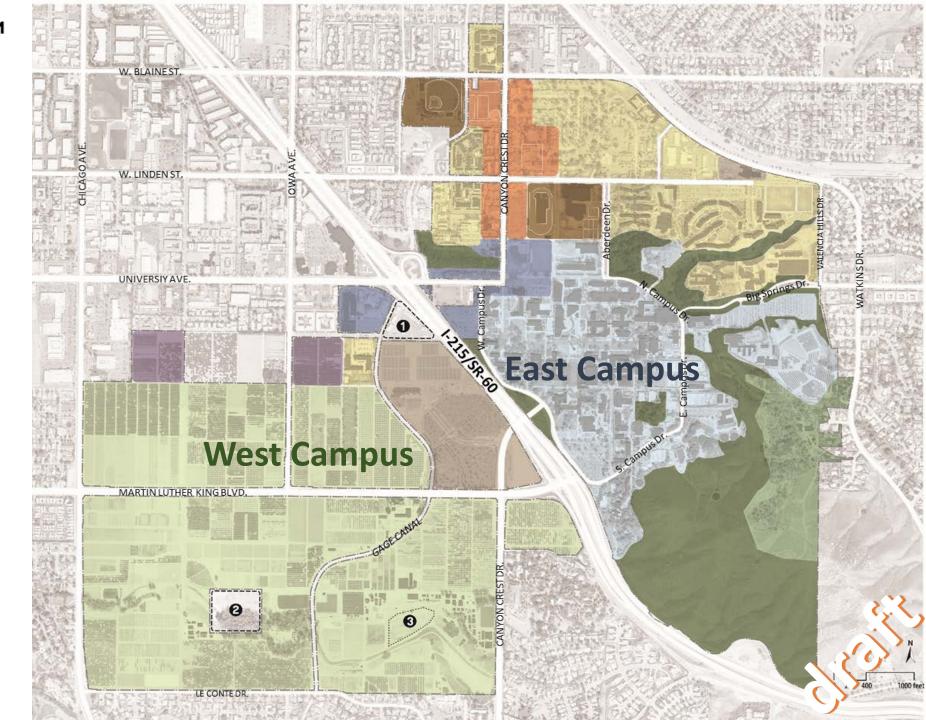
STUDENT NEIGHBORHOOD

CANYON CREST GATEWAY

UNIVERSITY AVENUE GATEWAY

---- NON-UCRLAND OF INTEREST

- Caltrans Yard, not in LRDP planning scope
- 2 City of Riverside property, not in LRDP planning scope
- 3 Development of this approximately 3.25-acre site shall be prohibited from developing uses per a Covenant to Restrict Use of Property entered into between the Department of Toxic Substances Control and The Regents of the University of California, in which a deed restriction was filed on July 26, 2006



Purpose of CEQA

- Disclose the potential significant environmental effects of proposed actions.
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce adverse environmental effects.
- Consider feasible alternatives to the proposed actions.
- Foster interagency consultation in the review of projects.
- Enhance public participation in the planning process.



The Purposes of the CEQA Scoping Meeting

- Inform the community and concerned agencies about the proposed 2021 LRDP and the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).
- Solicit input regarding the EIR scope.
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input.



The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process





Environmental Topics Analyzed in the Initial Study

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture & Forestry Resources
- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas
- Biological Resources
- Cultural & Tribal Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology & Soils
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology & Water Quality

- Land Use & Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population & Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities & Service Systems
- Wildfire



Environmental Topics (Preliminary Scope)

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- Other CEQA Impacts



Other EIR Sections

Cumulative Impacts:

Consider impacts which are created as a result of the combination of the proposed 2021 LRDP together with other projects causing related impacts.

Alternatives:

- EIR requires an analysis of a "reasonable range" of alternatives.
- Alternatives will be analyzed, including the required "No Project" alternative.
- Project alternatives to be determined during analysis of the Draft EIR.



Anticipated EIR Schedule

- Notice of Preparation (NOP) published July 7, 2020.
- Close of NOP period: August 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
- Public Review of Draft EIR: Winter 2020/Early 2021
- Response to Comments/Final EIR: Early Spring 2021
- Final EIR Certification, LRDP Adoption Board of Regents: Summer 2021



We welcome your comments...

Recommended comment topics:

- The scope, focus, and content of the EIR
- Suggested Alternatives to avoid or reduce environmental effects
- Suggested Mitigation Measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects



We welcome your comments...

Provide written comments via US Mail to:

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Please include your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Email Address

Include as the subject: 2021 LRDP EIR

All comments should be submitted by August 6, 2020 at 5 p.m.



IS/NOP Public Review Period:

July 7, 2020 – August 6, 2020

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